

Jesus Pays his Taxes

(Based on Matthew 17:24-27)

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Jesus and his disciples came to the town of Capernaum. One day the temple helpers stopped Peter and said, "Doesn't your master pay the temple tax?" "Yes," answered Peter.



As soon as Peter arrived back at the house Jesus said, "What do you think Peter? The kings of this world, where do they get their tax money, from their kids or from strangers?" "From strangers," answered Peter.



"Then the kids don't have to pay. But in case we cause them to get cranky, I want you to go to the sea and go fishing. Take the first fish you catch and when you open its mouth you will find a piece of money," said Jesus.



"Take it and go pay my taxes and your taxes too."



Lord, thank you for providing for all of our needs, even if it happens in the most unusual ways.