

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

GOD HAS MADE A GREAT MANY PROMISES. THEY ARE ALL "YES" BECAUSE OF WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE. SO THROUGH CHRIST WE SAY "AMEN." WE WANT GOD TO RECEIVE GLORY. - 2 CORINTHIANS 1:20

PROMISE OF PROVISION

POINT UP  AND MY GOD WILL MEET ALL YOUR NEEDS  SPREAD HANDS OPEN
 SWING ARMS WIDE ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF HIS GLORY IN CHRIST JESUS.  MAKE CROSS WITH ARMS

STORY: FISH WITH COIN - MATTHEW 17:24-27

DISCUSS:

READ THE BIBLE STORY FROM MATTHEW 17 OR FROM YOUR FAVORITE STORY BIBLE. HAVE YOUR KIDS RETELL THE STORY IN THEIR OWN WORDS & ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TOGETHER.

Some men asked Peter if Jesus paid the temple tax. Peter said yes—then Jesus surprised him. Jesus told Peter to go fishing. The first fish he caught would have a coin in its mouth—enough to pay the tax for both Jesus and Peter. And that's exactly what happened!

1. What problem did Peter think they had to solve in this story?
2. What was surprising about the way Jesus chose to provide the money?
3. Why do you think Jesus wanted Peter to do something (go fish) instead of just handing him a coin?
4. Can you think of a time God provided for our family in a way we didn't expect?
5. What's one need we can pray about today and trust God with—big or small?

BIG IDEA: GOD PROVIDES IN SURPRISING WAYS

DID YOU KNOW...?

In Jesus' day, families were expected to pay a special temple tax to help support the

work of the temple—things like upkeep, supplies, and the daily ministry happening there. It was a practical way God's people cared for the place where they gathered to worship—kind of like how we give offerings today to support God's work through the church.

What's really interesting is that Jesus didn't technically "owe" that tax the way everyone else did—He's God's Son! But He chose to pay it anyway because He didn't want to turn it into a big public argument or become a stumbling block for others. Instead, Jesus showed humility and wisdom... and then He provided the money in a way only He could—through a miracle—reminding everyone that God can provide, even when the need feels unexpected.

SOMETHING TO NOTE!

Jesus shows both wisdom and humility here. He's the Son of God—He doesn't owe anyone proof of belonging—yet He chooses to serve peace and love over "being right." And He provides with ease, reminding us that God's provision isn't limited to what we can see in our wallets or plan in our budgets. Sometimes provision looks like a surprise... and sometimes it looks like God giving us the next faithful step.

PROMISES

PRAYER PROMPT:

As a family, take turns finishing this sentence in prayer: "God, we trust You to provide when we _____." Help us notice Your surprises this week, and help us respond with faith and gratitude."