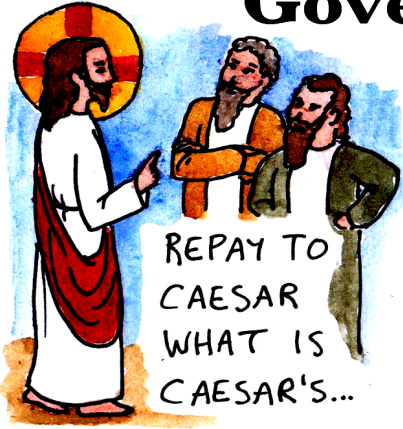# Should we Obey the Government?

The Pharisees in today's Gospel reading were trying to trick Jesus and make Him say something wrong. They asked Him whether they should pay taxes to the pagan emperor. If He said no then He would be speaking against the emperor, but if He said yes then it would seem like He was saying that it was good for the Jews to be ruled by the pagan Romans.
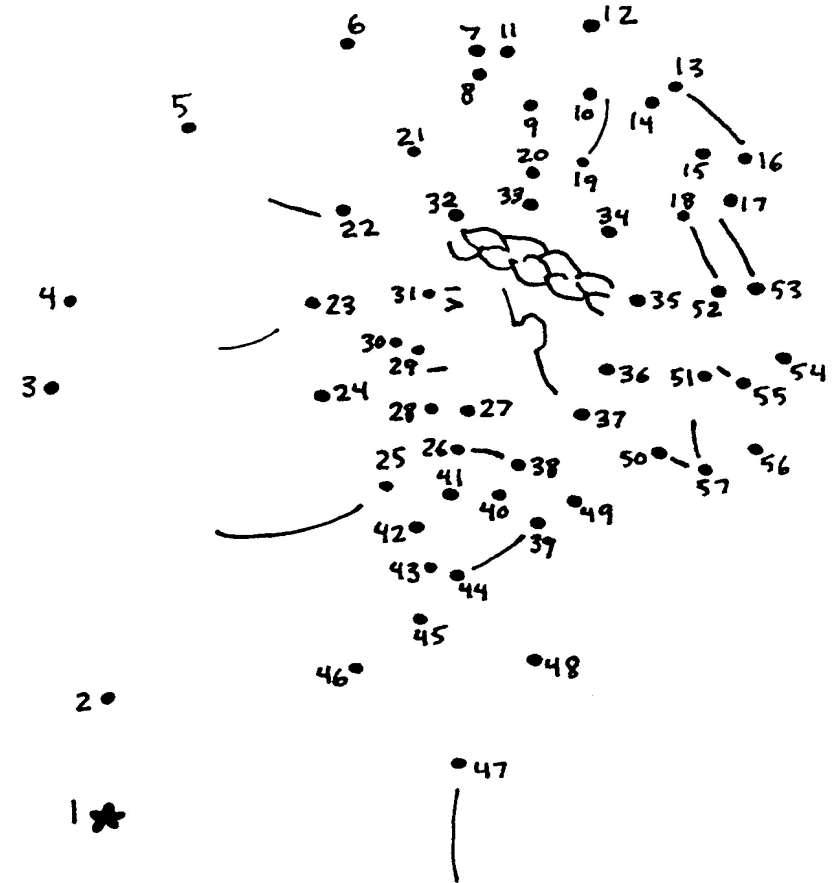
But Jesus knew what the Pharisees were trying to do. He told them to show Him a coin, and asked them whose picture was on it. They said it was Caesar's (the Roman emperor's,) so Jesus told them, "Then repay to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." He was telling them that they should obey the rulers of the land, but also that they should obey God.

We have two kinds of laws: God's laws and the laws of our governments. Both are for our own good, but God's laws are more important. We should obey the government's laws as long as they agree with God's laws, but we must always obey God's laws. Can you think of some laws that the government makes that are for our good?

Answers to math puzzle: words are in this order: 8:Lord, 5:song, 6:sing, 9:lands, 7:glory, 2:nations, 3:peoples 4:deeds.
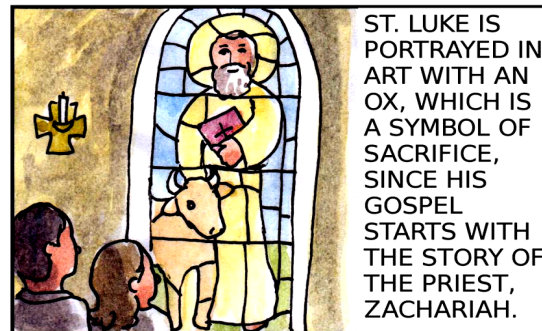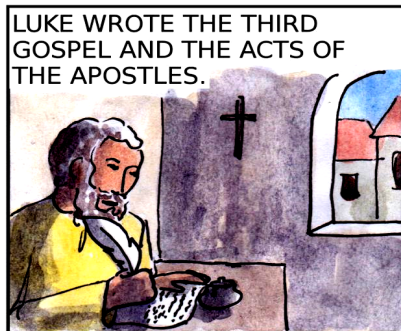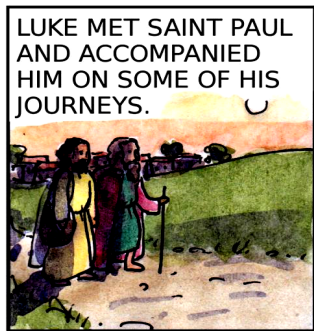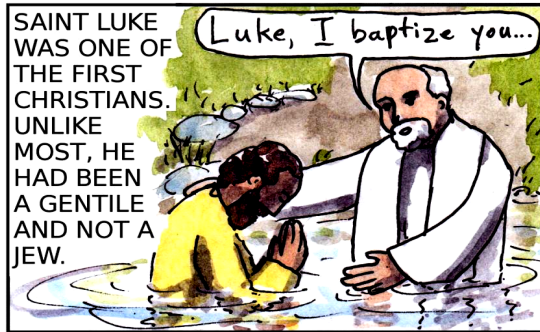
In today's Gospel reading, some men asked Jesus if it was right to pay tax. What did Jesus ask them to show Him? Connect the dots to find out!

Saint Luke
October 18

SAINT LUKE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST CHRISTIANS. UNLIKE MOST, HE HAD BEEN A GENTILE AND NOT A JEW.

Luke, I baptize you...

HE WAS A DOCTOR AND CARED FOR THE POOR.

Here, come in and let me check your foot.

LUKE MET SAINT PAUL AND ACCOMPANIED HIM ON SOME OF HIS JOURNEYS.

Peace be with you!

Ah! Good morning, Luke!

AT TIMES HE WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO STAYED WITH THE IMPRISONED ST. PAUL.

HE ALSO MET AND SPOKE WITH OUR LADY AND OTHER FRIENDS OF JESUS.

...so Joseph and I went to Bethlehem and looked for an inn.

LUKE WROTE THE THIRD GOSPEL AND THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES.

ST. LUKE IS PORTRAYED IN ART WITH AN OX, WHICH IS A SYMBOL OF SACRIFICE, SINCE HIS GOSPEL STARTS WITH THE STORY OF THE PRIEST, ZACHARIAH.

SAINT LUKE NEVER MET JESUS. HE LEARNED ABOUT HIM BY TALKING WITH HIS FRIENDS AFTER JESUS HAD ALREADY GONE INTO HEAVEN. STILL SAINT LUKE KNEW ENOUGH ABOUT HIM THAT HE COULD WRITE A GOSPEL! WE CAN LEARN FROM SAINT LUKE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO HAVE FRIENDS WHO LOVE GOD!

Sing 2 the Lord...
a math puzzle

Figure out the answers to the math questions and use the answers to find the right words to fill in the blanks in today's Psalm.

Sing to the _____ a new _____;
$4+4=$__ $1+4=$__

_____ to the Lord, all you _____.
$4+2=$__ $6+3=$__

Tell his _____ among the _____;
$3+4=$__ $1+1=$__

among all _____,
$2+1=$__

his wondrous _____.
$2+2=$__

2 nations   6 sing
3 peoples   7 glory
4 deeds   8 Lord
5 song   9 lands