

Matthew: Jesus Talks to the Pharisees

Matthew 22:34-40; 23:1-36



The Pharisees try to trick Jesus. Jesus talks about how hypocritical they are. He calls them "whitewashed tombs"—beautiful on the outside but dead on the inside. Jesus doesn't want us to pretend to love him by how we act. He wants us to genuinely love him.

"But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God" (John 1:12).

Through the Week

- Use a dry-erase marker to draw funny faces on the mirrors in your house.
- Draw them at different heights so all family members can see what they look like with the funny faces.
- Ideas for funny faces include:
 - o beard
 - o mustache
 - o cat whiskers
 - o cat ears
 - o big ears
 - o funky glasses
 - o clown hairdo
 - o Einstein hairdo
 - monster faces
 - big mouth
- Talk about what other disguises people use or costumes people wear to look different from who they really are.
- Talk about ways people pretend to be better than they really are.



Talk About This...

· Talk about your favorite thing to pretend.