

PECULIAR TREASURES LESSON – 18th OCTOBER 2020

OUR NIGERIA

TEXT Matthew 22:15-22

MEMORY VERSE Matthew 22:21b NIV "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's."

OR

Matthew 22:21b NIV "give ... to God what is God's."

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Arise O compatriots, Nigeria's call obey
To serve our fatherland, with love, and strength, and faith.
The labour of our heroes past shall never be in vain
To serve with heart and might, one nation bound in freedom, peace and unity.

O God of creation, direct our noble cause
Guide our leaders right. Help our youth the truth to know.
In love and honesty to grow, and living just and true
Great lofty heights attain, to build a nation where peace, and justice shall reign.

THE PLEDGE

I pledge to Nigeria my country
To be faithful, loyal, and honest
To serve Nigeria with all my strength
To defend her unity and uphold her honour and glory
So help me God.

QUESTIONS

1. Who are the compatriots?
2. According to the national anthem, in what manner are we supposed to serve Nigeria?
3. Who is supposed to help us to achieve our noble cause?
4. Which line in the anthem is connected to 1 Timothy 2:1,2?
5. Which words in the anthem are similar to Philippians 4:8 ?
6. As a child of God, as a citizen of Nigeria, mention three to six things you say you will do whenever you say the pledge. Give practical examples of at least two of them.
7. What is expected to reign in Nigeria?
8. Compare and contrast the lyrics of the anthem and the words of the pledge with what we are seeing in Nigeria right now.
9. What can you do to ensure that Nigeria moves in the direction God wants it to move?

N. B. For the younger children, focus on a discussion about Nigeria in general and less on the questions being asked. You can also talk about the part of the country where you are from, including different aspects of your culture.

CONFESSION

Nigeria is our fatherland. We enthrone Jesus as king over the land. We do our part by praying, by giving to the needy, by helping to keep our nation clean, by being obedient children, by preaching the gospel, by speaking good about our country. We decree, Nigeria it is well with you. You shall rise again. Giant of Africa you will shine. Through you many shall be drawn to the one true God. People shall be drawn to you. People shall bring their wealth to you. The wealth shall spread to the masses. I shall participate in the prosperity of this nation. I shall enjoy peace in this nation. I shall enjoy justice in this nation. I am free. I am favoured. I am blessed.

ACTIVITIES

1. ***With younger children*** –
 - 1) Pray for Nigeria.
 - 2) Draw and colour the Nigerian flag.
2. ***With older children*** –
 - 1) Encourage them to take turns to pray for Nigeria as they feel led to.
 - 2) Draw and colour the Nigerian coat of arms.