

Sunday October 25, 2020
Emmett and Esther answering Questions

Esther: Hi Emmett. How are you?

Emmett: Hi Esther. I'm good, but I sure will be glad when we don't have to wear masks and stay indoors so much.

Esther: Me too, but we want everyone to be safe.

Emmett: We sure do. Any ideas what we can do today?

Esther: I sure do. How about we play a game.

Emmett: That sounds like fun. What game do you want to play?

Esther: How about a game called "How would Jesus answer this question?"

Emmett: 'How would Jesus answer this question?' What kind of game is that? Is this a Bible game?

Esther: Yes. It's a game that helps us learn about Jesus and about God.

Emmett: Okay...although it seems to me that Jesus usually answered a question by telling a story.

Esther: Yes, but sometimes Jesus answered with an answer.

Emmett: Okay...let's try it.

Esther: Good, let's start with an easy one. How would Jesus answer this question: "What is your mother's name."

Emmett: I know this! Jesus would say, "My mother's name is Mary...sometimes referred to as Mary the mother of Jesus..." but, wait, if I am answering as Jesus would answer I would say, "My mother is sometimes called Mary, the mother of me...because I am Jesus."

How'd I do?

Esther: You are correct, although your answer was a little longer than I expected.

Emmett: This is easy. Ask me another one!!

Esther: Okay...but this is a tough one. This is a question that someone actually asked Jesus.

Emmett: I'm ready. I will just try to think like Jesus.

Esther: Alright then...the question asked of Jesus was, "Which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

Emmett: (just stares...)

Esther: Emmett...?

Emmett: Uh..Uh...could you please make that a multiple-choice question?

Esther: Sure; The question is: Which commandment in the law is the greatest? Answer 'A' is "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."

Emmett: That's it! That's a great answer. I pick 'A'.

Esther: Don't you want to hear the other choices?

Emmett: Oh...sure.

Esther: Answer 'B' is "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

Emmett: I like that one. Okay, I pick 'B'.

Esther: Wait, there's one more.

Emmett: Okay, let's hear answer 'C'!

Esther: Answer 'C' is "All of the above."

Emmett: 'All of the above'. 'All of the above'. That means I can pick both 'A' and 'B'. That's even better than just 'A' or 'B'. Okay, I pick 'C' ...final answer!

Esther: You're right. Jesus said that the greatest commandment is to love God with all of ourself – heart, mind, soul...but then he said there is a second commandment that is like the first one, "That you love your neighbour as yourself."

Emmett: Wait a minute...So Jesus didn't answer with a story...

Esther: Right.

Emmett: But he didn't answer with just an answer. He snuck in TWO answers as if they were one answer!

Esther: Right.

Emmett: Clever...why'd he do that?

Esther: Because Jesus knew that if we love God, we also love everyone God loves, and that's everyone. So, love God and love everyone else as God loves you.

Emmett: So, when we love someone, we are kinda saying 'Howdy neighbour, God loves you and so do I.'

Esther: God loves all God's children.

Emmett: Great game, Esther. I not only had fun, but I learned about God's love!

Esther: I'd say AMEN to that.

Emmett: Amen.