

Here is the script for Esther and Emmett:

Emmett: Hi Esther!

Esther: Hi Emmett. How are you today?

Emmett: How am I today? I have heard 'thine' question and I answer 'thine' question by saying, "I'm fine" – which just happens to rhyme with 'thine'. How are you Esther?

Esther: (hesitantly) I'm...fine...

Emmett: I like thine answer.

Esther: Emmett, you're talking kind of ...funny.

Emmett: I'm not talking funny...I'm talking like the Bible!

Esther: You're talking like the Bible?

Emmett: Well, I'm talking like Jesus talked in the Bible...you know, at the end of the prayer he taught to his disciples.

Esther: Oh, I get it. That's the part of the prayer that says:
"For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever."

Emmett: That's the part. The 'thine' part. I just love the sound of that word – 'Thine'.

Esther: You know that in the prayer the word 'thine' tells us that the kingdom, the power and the glory are God's . Today we would say, 'Yours are the kingdom, the power and the glory.'

Emmett: Right...all that stuff is God's.

Esther: Which is pretty amazing!

Emmett: Yep, it sounds like God has some neat stuff. I have a couple of pairs of shoes, a backpack and really great hair!

Esther: The important thing about the kingdom, power and glory is that word you like – "thine".

Emmett: I knew it! That's a great word!

Esther: Yes...in the prayer it means that if the kingdom belongs to God, God is really in charge of the world. And if the power belongs to God, then it is God who shows us what power looks like. And if the glory belongs to God, then we should look to God to figure

out how we should live.

Emmett: (pauses) Umm...I think I know what you mean...but I also think I don't know what you mean...Esther, what do you mean?

Esther: Well, when Jesus was alive, a large portion of the world was ruled by the Roman Empire, which had a very powerful army. The leader, or ruler of the Roman Empire was called the Caesar... so there was a Julius Caesar and a Caesar Augustus and more.

Emmett: So, a Caesar was like a king with all the power?

Esther: That's right! And the land that a king ruled over was called a kingdom.

Emmett: So Caesar was ruling over the kingdom of....wait....the prayer says that 'thine' is the kingdom, and the 'thine' means God. Soooo....

Esther: Right, so Jesus was saying that no matter who was the 'ruler' , it was God's kingdom...or we might say, God's world.

Emmett: And if Caesar had an army that would give him power, but we say that 'thine is the power ...and the glory'. So God was a lot more important to Jesus than Caesar was!

Esther: Right...and Jesus lived the way God would want people to live when they know that this is God's world. So, in God's kingdom, everyone is loved by God.

Emmett: So Jesus was feeding people, and healing people, and he talked about forgiving people...

Esther: Yes. I think that for the ruler, power meant having a strong army, but for Jesus, power meant being able to love people the way God loves people.

Emmett: And what did glory mean for Jesus?

Esther: Well, some artists, when they are painting a picture of Jesus, or of angels, or sometimes even of the disciples, will paint a yellowish ring of light around the characters' heads....

Emmett: I've seen those...I thought the artist used too much yellow paint so just smeared it around the people's heads. I do that sometimes when I make a mistake with crayons or paint!

Esther: They didn't make a mistake. The ring of light around people's heads showed that God's love was shining through them – that's what the glory of God means – God's love shines through!

Emmett: Wow! I really like thine explanation of the prayer.

Esther: Well, thank you for thine questions about the prayer. Thank you...and Amen.

Emmett: AMEN