

Preach the Gospel Show [Re: tithing cans during Lent]

Fishy	Hey, what's that can for?
Froggie	It's for preaching the Gospel .
Fishy	Doing what to the what ?
Froggie	Preaching the Gospel. Telling others the good news about Jesus, who came to earth and died for our sins so we could live in heaven forever and ever.
Fishy	So preaching is telling?
Froggie	Sometimes it is. Sometimes it means doing special things. We're all supposed to preach, preach, preach all day long.
Fishy	How do you do that?
Froggie	Any time you show love to someone or talk about Jesus, you're preaching the Gospel.
Fishy	Do you use that can to bang and make a lot of noise so people will listen to you preach about Jesus?
Froggie	Nope.
Fishy	Do you throw it at people's heads to get their attention?
Froggie	Nope. That wouldn't be nice.
Fishy	Do you share it with them, if they happen to like cans?
Froggie	No sirree. (<i>jingles the can</i>)
Fishy	Oh, I see! You shake that nice jingly can while you sing about Jesus!
Froggie	No, that's not it. But you're right; if I did sing about Jesus, that would be another way of preaching the Gospel.
Fishy	So what's going on with the can, man?
Froggie	Let's ask these kids. They look really smart. Hey kids! What do you think is in this can? That's right, money!
Fishy	Money? What are you going to do with it?
Froggie	I'm saving it up for Jesus!
Fishy	But Jesus doesn't need money. He's so powerful He can do anything, make anything, be anything...
Froggie	That's true. But He says in the Bible, whatever you do to anyone, even the people you don't like, even people who don't seem important at all, these things you do to Me!

Fishy	I don't get it. So when I'm grouchy with my sister I'm grouchy with Jesus?
Froggie	Yep. Jesus lives inside of everyone. You have to treat her like you'd want to treat Jesus if He were standing right here.
Fishy	Hmmm. So, when I share my toys am I treating Jesus nicely?
Froggie	You got it.
Fishy	So, then, who are you giving that money to?
Froggie	The poor people of the world who don't have nice things and maybe don't eat enough food and need to know that God loves them.
Fishy	How will your little can of coins tell them that God loves them?
Froggie	Well, whenever we obey Jesus and share with others and treat them kindly, it shows God's love to them. It helps them to know that no matter how sad or lonely or poor a person is, God is always there.
Fishy	So God is sending them a message with those coins?
Froggie	He sure is!
Fishy	So you're like a secret agent with a super-important message from God?
Froggie	Yes! Now you've got it! I've got the Gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ and I want to share it with everyone!
Fishy	Okay, then give me the money.
Froggie	But you're not poor.
Fishy	But it would make me feel God's love.
Froggie	You know, I don't think you're quite getting the spirit of this...
Fishy	Oh, I'm just kidding. You are so serious! Hahahaha! You keep those coins for the people who really need it! I'm going to run home and get some of my own coins to share, because I want to be a secret agent from God, too!
Froggie	Boy, you had me worried there for a minute.
Fishy	Thanks for teaching me about preaching the Gospel. I like knowing that God loves everyone and we can tell them with our words and with the things we do. See you later, kids!
Froggie	Bye now! Preach the Gospel!!!! Be a secret agent from God!!!
Fishy	Wahooo!!!
Froggie	Yeeehaaaa!

The End