

## SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: Proper 21A

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### MAIN POINT

#### **Not wanting to be wrong**

### SCRIPTURE FOCUS

"John's baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?"

They discussed it among themselves and said, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will ask, 'Then why didn't you believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin' - we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We don't know." (Matthew 21:23-32)

### ADDRESS

**Who likes playing games? Who likes trivia games? Has anyone ever played something like Trivial Pursuit? A lot of people don't like trivia because they don't want to look like they don't know the answers. So there are many times they will answer, "I don't know", rather than say something and possibly be wrong.**

**Who has ever been playing with their siblings or friends, and broken something, and then your parents asked, "what happened"? If you say you broke it, you know you'll get into trouble, but if you blame someone else you might not get in trouble, but you will know you are lying. So rather than choosing one of those options you just say, "I don't know".**

**No one likes to be wrong. Even in the Bible Jesus asked the chief priests and the elders a question and they didn't want to give him the wrong answer, so what do you think they said to Jesus? I don't know. Yes, they said, "I don't know".**

**With Jesus we can always be right and know that he loves us even if we get things wrong or say the wrong thing. We are forgiven and we can forgive other people when they do something wrong also.**

### PRAYER

**Thank you Jesus for the promise you give us to love us and forgive us when we do or say the wrong thing. Give us courage to always do the right thing. Amen.**

You may wish to hand out *Growing Faith at Home* or another resource before the children return to their seats.

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