

Who's in charge?

Listen to God!

Mark 11:15-19, 27-33



Kyle and Deng were arguing over which parts they wanted in the Christmas play. "I'm in charge," announced Matt. "I'll decide which parts you have."

The religious rulers thought they were in charge of the temple. They didn't like Jesus clearing out the traders so they asked who gave him authority (permission). They were trying to trap Jesus. If Jesus answered God, they could say he was insulting God. If Jesus said it was his own idea, they could say he had no right to do what he did. But Jesus didn't answer. He didn't need to explain his actions or defend himself to them. Jesus did tell those who really wanted to know - his followers.



Delbert our dictionary says

Authority: the right and power to control or decide - often given by a higher power eg. police have authority from government.



Talk to God!

Lord God, you control everything.

Thank you that you always decide and do what is right and good.



God is in charge of everything



Read John 5:26-27

Where does Jesus authority come from?



What does Jesus have authority to do?



Read John 17:1-2

What else does Jesus have authority to do?



Read Psalm 103:19

What does God have authority over?