

Home Family Worship with Kids 32. October 25th, 2020

Matthew 22:34-46. Loving God and neighbour.

Video: start at 1 minute 15 seconds for the Bible reading

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=14hOxWe_FVU&t=38s

Message: One day Jesus was in the temple teaching the people who were gathered there. A group of religious leaders began asking him tricky questions to try to embarrass him so that the people would not listen to his teaching. One of the men asked Jesus, "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment?" Which one do you think Jesus said was the most important?

(Hold up the heart that says, "Love God.") Jesus answered him, "The most important is this, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind,' this is the greatest commandment.

How do you think we might show our love to God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. (Allow time for them to suggest some ways.) Those are all great suggestions. Here are some ways that I thought we might show our love to God. Worship, prayer, Bible study, singing praises, bringing our offerings, and giving thanks for all his blessings.

Do you know what Jesus said next? (Hold up the heart that says, "Love Your Neighbor.") He said, "The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Well, how do you think we could love our neighbor? (Allow time for responses.) Good ideas! Here are some things you might not have thought of. We could treat them like we want to be treated, be kind to them, forgive them when they hurt our feelings, be helpful in times of trouble, be their friends.

These are the commandments that Jesus thought were the most important. It isn't easy to keep those commandments, is it? We need God's help each and every day. Let's pray and ask him to help us to love as he has commanded us.

Dear Father, help us to love you with all of our heart and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Video and message: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8xb7qIjEwaE>

Songs: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LYIkcoAfLU4>

Memory verse to song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M4WygilFuaI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y3DC9pBioQY>

Activity 1 (Older children): Using Bibles ask children to SEARCH the following verses. Once they have a finger on the verse, they can call out, "FOUND IT!" Ask the children what they take from the reading. There are suggestions for comments on each verse.

- Matthew 24:12 The love of some will grow cold.
- Matthew 6:24 No one can serve two masters.
- Matthew 10:37-39 Love Jesus the most.
- Hosea 10:2 People's hearts are divided.
- Deuteronomy 5:29 Love God, and it will go well.
- Psalm 37:4 Delight in God, and be rewarded.
- 1 John 5:2-3 We are God's children when we love.

Activity 2: Who do I love? Draw and cut out a large heart. Have everyone in the family write or draw or glue pictures of the people that they love. Spend some time each day choosing one or more to pray for.

Activity 3: Heart craft. Simple woven heart.

This link will give you a template for a simple woven heart. They have used buttons to decorate - you could write a person's name in each square that you love or decorate with stickers.

simple <https://www.firefliesandmudpies.com/woven-heart-craft/>



There are more difficult ones where you can weave a heart basket!

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<https://www.auntannie.com/Valentines/HeartBasket/>