

Family Page

Jesus' command to love our neighbors as ourselves is a challenge to all families. Here are a few ideas that will help your children grow in their understanding of Jesus' commandments:



explaining GOD'S WORD

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) † Matthew 22:34-40 † October 25, 2026

1 Have a "love God through our neighbor" meeting some day this week. Discuss who your neighbor is and new ways the family can love.

2 Select a love-project that will involve everyone in some way. Some families may prefer an ongoing project like sponsoring a Third World child through one of the international organizations. Others may choose to help someone closer to home.

3 Learn and pray the following prayer together each evening this week.



The Great Commandment Prayer

Dear Jesus, help us to love you by loving others. Remind us when we are impatient with one another, we are impatient with you — and when we are kind to one another, we are kind to you. Help us to keep growing in love until we are truly loving God with our whole hearts. Thank you, Jesus, for showing us how easy it can be. Amen

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You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

The Best Commandments of All

This week, Jesus tells you about the two most important commandments: “Love God with all your heart, and love your neighbor as yourself.”

If you love God with all your heart, you will never misuse God’s name or put others before God. And if you love your neighbor as yourself, you will not lie or steal or hurt others.

Then Jesus makes it even easier. He says, “Whatever you do for others, you also do for me.” Every kind deed you do for

a friend is a kind deed you are doing for God. Whenever you obey your parents, you are really obeying God.

Jesus gives you two great commandments that help you obey the Ten. Then he shows you that by obeying one you obey both. *What a super shortcut to loving God!*



Growing Up in Love

Answer the questions below. Every YES shows you are growing up in love.

1

Did you ever pick up your toys and clean your room without being asked?

2

Did you ever share a favorite toy with someone who had nothing to play with?

3

Did you ever cheer someone up with a card you made all by yourself?

4

Did you ever plan a special surprise just to make someone else happy?

5

Did you ever make up a special prayer of thanks for all God does for you?