



October 25, 2020

Hello Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday School Families,

This week's lesson is titled, "Love God and Others." This lesson, from : Matthew 22:34-46 speaks of the greatest commandment and the second greatest, which are found in our memory verse. Our memory verse for this week is ""Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'**" Matthew 22:36-39

<https://sermons4kids.com/> is the homepage and where you will find the sermon lesson to read to your children. No special objects are required for the lesson this week, however, there is an attachment on this email for a fun craft. (See the instruction video under the sermon for how to complete the craft. If you don't have colored printer paper, simply have your children color one of the shapes prior to cutting it out.)

Beside the lesson are links to print a coloring page, word search, a crossword puzzle and more. Feel free to use any of these supplemental activities for your child's individual level.

This week's group activities can also be found in that list of resources besides the sermon reading. Feel free to use and modify any of these activities to suit your family. At the bottom of this email, there is a themed snack idea provided by Sermons4Kids as well. Additionally, at the bottom of this email, you will find the Discussion Questions and Suggested Prayer Starters from Sermons4Kids.

We pray for the peace and health of you all! We have enjoyed seeing many children in Sunday School and Nursery Care and look forward to seeing the rest of you soon!

God bless you,

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Elementary Discussion:

This week, kids learned in Matthew 22:34-46 that someone tried to trick Jesus with a question: "What is the most important commandment?" Jesus answered wisely that the most important was this: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Children learned that if we would keep these two commandments, we would keep all of them.

Bible Memory Verse: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Matthew 22:36-39

Discussion Questions:

What did you learn are the greatest commandments?
What did you learn about loving God?
Tell about a time you had a hard time loving someone.
When is it hard for you to love others?
When is it easy for you to love God?

Prayers:

Ask God to help you obey His commands to love Him and others.
Thank God for all the things you learned at church.
Ask God for help to love people who are hard to love sometimes.
Ask God for help to love others when it's hard.
Tell God all the ways you love Him.

Heart Snacks

You'll Need:

- Heart shaped sugar cookies (two per child)
- Frosting
- Mini M&M candies
- Plastic knives
- Paper plates
- Napkins

Do This:

- Give each child two cookies, a paper plate, and a plastic knife
- To make the “Heart Snack,” have kids follow these steps:
 - Frost your cookies.
 - Using the mini M&Ms, spell God on one cookie.
 - On the other cookie, make a stick person with the mini M&M candies for others.

SAY:

- *When asked what was the greatest commandment, Jesus answered “**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: **Love your neighbor as yourself.**” As you eat your “Heart Snacks,” talk about ways that you show your love for God.*

LOVE GOD AND OTHERS HEART

