

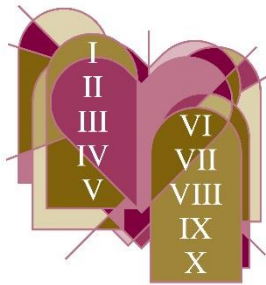
Kids' Worship Guide

Sunday, 25 October 2020

Shadyside Presbyterian Church

The Greatest Commandment

Have you ever heard of something called the “Ten Commandments?” What do you know about them? Can you list any of them?



A “commandment” is a law or a rule to follow. God shared Ten Commandments with Moses and instructed him to tell God’s people the commandments were God’s Law. It’s important to know each of the commandments fit into one of two categories:

- A Law to Love God or
- A Law to Love Others

The religious leaders in Jesus’ time liked to test him a lot. They tried to trick him into making mistakes. In today’s story, they ask Jesus a legal question. The Pharisees and Sadducees were proud they knew religious law. They asked Jesus:

Teacher, what is the greatest commandment in the Law? Matthew 22:36

To answer them, Jesus quoted from the Old Testament book of Deuteronomy 6:5, which says we should love God with all of our heart, all of ourselves, and all of our mind. But then, Jesus surprised them by adding a second commandment about loving our neighbors.

When you think about all of the things Jesus had been teaching his followers throughout his life, it’s really all about loving God and loving each other. We call these added together “The Great Commandment.”*

As a bonus exercise, read the Old Testament book of Exodus, chapter 20, verses 1 to 17, to discover the Ten Commandments God gave to Moses. Four are about loving God and 6 are about loving others. See if you can complete the table below with the Commandment.

Commandment to Love God	Commandment to Love Others
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
	5.
	6.

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Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." Matthew 22:37

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
V	P	M	T	I	K	S	C	H	N	X	F	W	R	Y	L	Z	G	D	A	B	E	O	J	Q	U

1. 16-23-14-19 _____
2. 15-23-26-14-7-22-16-12 _____
3. 9-22-20-14-4 _____
4. 10-22-5-18-9-21-23-14 _____
5. 16-23-1-22 _____
6. 8-23-3-3-20-10-19-3-22-10-4 _____
7. 18-14-22-20-4-22-7-4 _____
8. 4-22-20-8-9-22-14 _____

GREATEST LORD	HEART COMMANDMENT	LOVE YOURSELF	NEIGHBOR TEACHER
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Matthew 22:34-46

T P H A R I S E E S N J J D W T F E U S
 K N R G V S M P E B E I N G E I Z X S U
 D W E Y R B P E A A I Z K J H R C O O M
 A R S M I E C K T T G Y E B T I I D N O
 W L O B D U A R R E H C A E T P B U M S
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 Y H H A Q L N H M V F J T U V W W E B Z

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 BEING
 BIBLE
 CHRIST
 COMMANDMENT
 DAVID
 ENEMIES
 EXODUS
 EXPERT
 GOD

GREATEST
 HEART
 HOLY SPIRIT
 JESUS
 LAWS
 LEGAL
 LORD
 LOVE
 MATTHEW
 MIND

MOSES
 NEIGHBOR
 PHARISEES
 RABBI
 SADDUCEES
 SECOND
 SON
 SOUL
 TEACHER
 YOURSELF