

# THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

Matthew 22: 36-40

1. What did Jesus say was the most important rule, or commandment, for people to follow?

**Multi-Sensory Idea:** Write a song, poem, prayer or come up with another creative way to tell God how much you love him. Think about all the ways that God is good and the good things that he has done for you. Tell him how much you love him and how grateful you are for him.

**Prompts for Deeper Discussion:** Why do you think that Jesus said that the greatest commandment was to love God with all of your heart, soul and mind? What are some practical ways that you can do that today?

2. What did Jesus say was the second most important commandment?

**Multi-Sensory Idea:** Jesus said that it is important to love others. Use the flowerpot and flower printout to make a list of people in your life that you can show love to this week. Write their names on the flowers, color them, and glue them on the stems in the pot to make a beautiful pot of flowers. Then look at your flowers the rest of the week to remind you of the people in your life that you can show love to.

**Prompts for Deeper Discussion:** Why do you think that Jesus said that loving others as yourself was the second most important commandment? What are some practical ways you can show love to others this week?

3. What did Jesus mean when he said that all of the other laws come from these two things: Love God with all your heart, soul and mind and love your neighbor as yourself?

**Multi-Sensory Idea:** Make a list of rules for the classroom that would reflect the two greatest commandments of loving God and loving others. This activity could also be done by having the students draw things that they could do in your classroom or at home to reflect the two greatest commandments

**Prompt for Deeper Discussion:** Read Exodus 20:1-17 (The Ten Commandments) and discuss how these laws come from the commandments that Jesus said were the two most important.

**Prayer Prompt:** Tell students that God loves us very much and it makes Him happy when we come to Him in prayer. Ask them to join you in prayer right now.

*Heavenly Father,  
Thank you for this day that you have given us. Thank you that we are never alone, because Jesus is always with us. Help us to remember to come to you in prayer. In Jesus's Name we pray. Amen.*

**Today's Takeaway: Love God and Love Others**

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**Instructions:** Read the questions, then ask (or assist) the student to point to the correct answer.

1. What did Jesus say was the greatest law, or commandment?



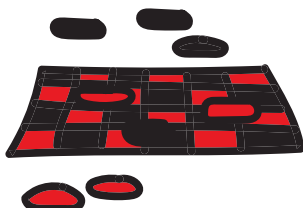
Love God

OR



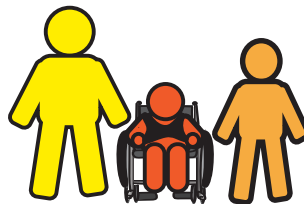
Sing Songs

2. What did Jesus say we should do if we love God?



Play a Game

OR



Love Others

3. How does it make Jesus feel when we love God and love others?



Happy

OR



Sad

4. What is the most important thing that we can do?



Read Books

OR



Love God and Others

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**Instructions:** Lead the student into prayer. Invite them to point to who they would like to pray for.

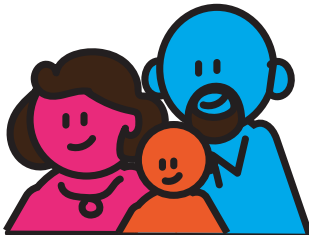
**Say:** God loves us and hears our prayers. It makes God happy when we pray to Him because He loves us so much and He wants us to stay close to Him. Would you like to pray with us? Close your eyes and bow your head.

**Prompt:** Ask the student if he/she would like to point to what they would like to pray for today from the visuals below. Then read the prayer below and add in the requests. (For more options, please use the WW Prayer Prompt Board.)

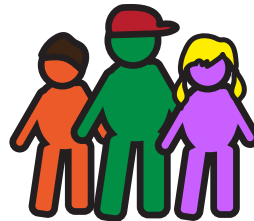
Heavenly Father,  
Thank you for this day that you have given us. Thank you for loving us and sending your Son, Jesus, into the world. Please be with my \_\_\_\_\_ today. Thank you that we are never alone, because Jesus is always with us. Help us to follow you every day.

In Jesus's name, we pray. Amen.

## PLEASE BE WITH MY:



Family



Friends



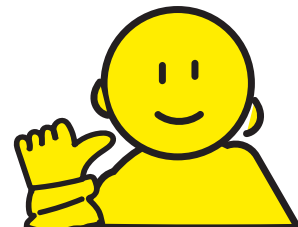
Teacher



Pastor



Team



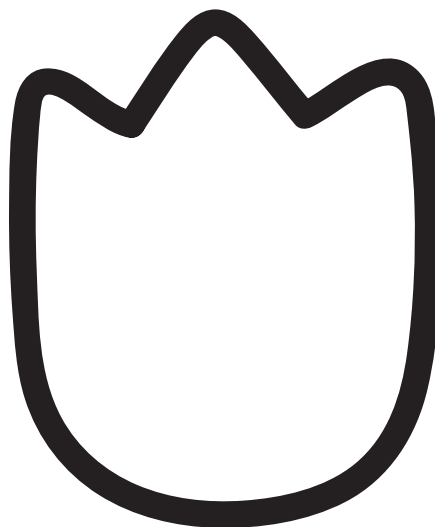
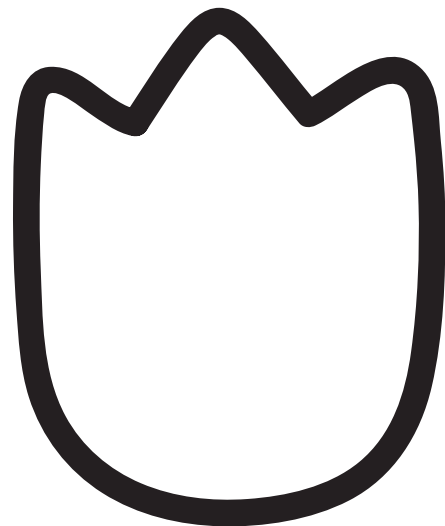
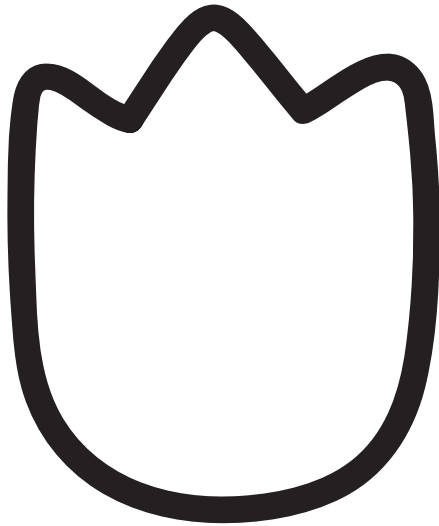
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**Instructions:** Write the name of someone you love on each flower. Then color them and cut them out. Glue them on the top of flower stems on the accompanying coloring page. Color the stems and flowerpot. Then look at the beautiful pot of flowers you made and think about how you can show love to each person.



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