## **The Greatest Commandments**

**BIBLE PASSAGE:** Mark 12:28-44

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- 1. What question did the scribe/teacher ask Jesus? ("Which of God's commands is the most important?")
- 2. How did Jesus answer the question? ("Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. And love your neighbor as yourself.")
- 3. What does it mean to love God with all of your heart? (Obey God's will.)
- 4. How can we love God with our mind? (Think about things that are pleasing to God.)
- 5. Who is Jesus talking to when He says, "love your neighbor"? (People! Those around is, in our community, our church, our friends and family, and our neighbors)
- 6. How can we love people?
- 7. What did today's lesson teach you about Jesus and who He is?

#### \*Recall the Bible Story

Things you need: "The Greatest Commandment" coloring page and crayons
As your child colors, ask them the discussion questions. Help them answer any questions and see if they have any additional questions.

#### \*Word Search

Things you need: "Word Search" and pencil or crayon

Encourage your child to find words from today's Bible story. Ask them if there are words that they do not understand or ask your child to explain some of the word meanings to you in their own thoughts.

#### \*Activity sheets

Print the activity sheets.

Have some fun reinforcing what the Bible taught us today.

#### \*Opportunity to Love God and Others

Look for an opportunity to love God and love others in a tangible way. This may be volunteering through church or collecting needed items for a food bank or shelter. Look for ways that share the name of Jesus with others to grow your own faith and your child's.

#### \*Pray

Things you need: Nothing

Pray with your child that they will love God with everything that is in them, heart, soul, mind and strength.



One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" Mark 12:28 (NIV)

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Matthew 22:37

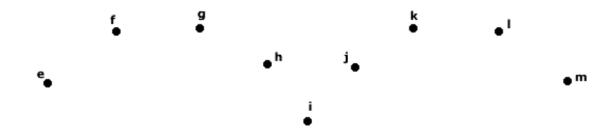
Based on Matthew 22:34-40 (NIV)



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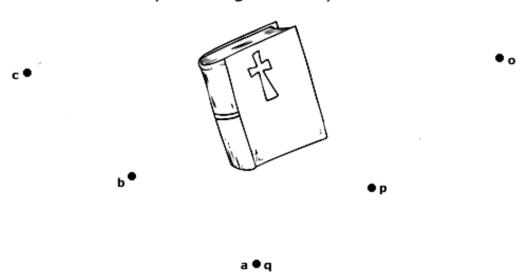
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|---------------|---------------|--------------------|--|
| LAW           | GREATEST      | COMMANDMENT        | YOURSELF                                       |
| <b>EXPERT</b> | HEART         | NEIGHBOR           | LOVE   |
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# The Greatest Commandment Dot to Dot



Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

Love your neighbor as yourself.

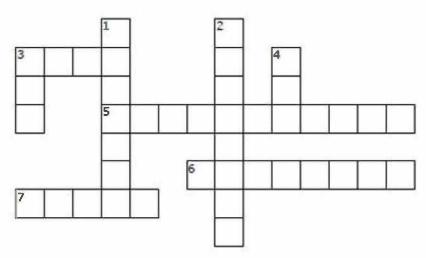


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## **ACROSS**

- To have a deep feeling of affection or attraction for someone
- A rule or law; direction or instruction to do something
- A person who lives near or next to another
- The center and source of a person's emotions or feelings

### DOWN

- Someone who educates or trains others
- The most important; better than all others of the same kind
- 3. A system of rules or principles
- The creator of heaven and earth; The One we worship

| COMMANDMENT | HEART | LOVE | GREATEST |
|-------------|-------|------|----------|
| TEACHER     | GOD   | LAW  | NEIGHBOR |