



Friends of Jesus and Mary

Cycle A - VI Sunday in Ordinary Time

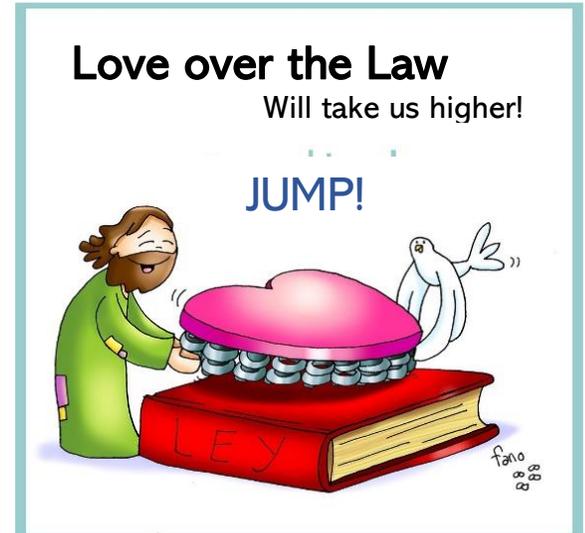
Sirach 15, 16-21; Psalm 119; 1Corinthians 2, 6-10; Matthew 5, 17-37 or short (5, 20-22. 27-28. 33-34^a, 37)

The Spirit of the Law-Love

Jesus said to his disciples: "I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. "You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.* But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment." You have heard that it was said, *You shall not commit adultery.* But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. "Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.* But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes', and your 'No' mean 'No'. Anything more is from the evil one."

Reflection

Who were the scribes and the Pharisees? (A scribe was an expert in the law of Moses and all its traditions and additions. The Pharisees were also experts of the law of Moses and looked down on those that didn't practice it closely.) **Why was Jesus against the scribes and Pharisees?** (They were more occupied with following the law closely, rather than showing love and mercy to others.) **What does Jesus want from us?** (Jesus says it is not enough to just follow the law, we must show love for God and others.) **Jesus gives examples. He says it's not enough to not kill. What does Jesus say this commandment also requires from us?** (We should not become angry with each other; we should love one another and never injure, not even with mean words.) **Jesus also says it is not enough to not take a false oath. What must we do more?** (Never swear; always tell the truth, then everyone will believe your words the first time.) **In the same way, all the commandments must be fulfilled out of love for God and each other. This love will bring us to do more than just fulfill the law.**



Activity

Read and color the following page; underline the words that Jesus asks us to do. Make the craft on the last page which highlights the love we must have for God and neighbor in fulfilling the commandments. Talk about how we can love better with each commandment.

Prayer

God the Father, who makes the sun rise every day, and with your love cares for the fields and the flowers; please care for all my loved ones, that all may love you greatly and be ready to do your holy will always. Amen

Song: Love One Another, Dakota Pyle, <https://youtu.be/p9diFwUly4M> (3-7 yrs.)

Love One Another, Orange Kids Music, <https://youtu.be/jysQNwalyIQ> (8+ yrs.)

PPT: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1oqpUTNjQH3IQb0uDpasotwGEH_kmvhUZ/edit?usp=share_link&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true



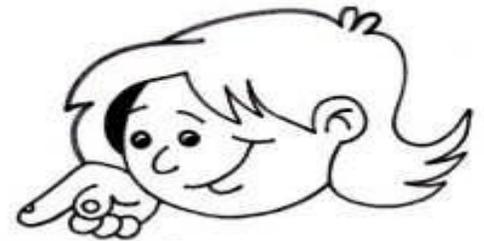
Who was a Scribe and who was a Pharisee?

In Jesus' time, the "Scribe" had knowledge of the law, and following legal traditions



DO YOU KNOW.....?

The Pharisees boasted of perfection, were attached to the Law and despised those who did not know it or did not practice it.



Scribes and Pharisee were arrogant and did not recognize Jesus of Nazareth.



WHAT JESUS SAID.....

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"You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.* But I say to you, whoever is angry with brother will be liable to judgment".



Read in the Gospel (Mt. 5,20-22, 27-28 33-37 and underline what Jesus wants us to do

- ✓ **YOU SHALL NOT KILL; AND WHOEVER KILLS WILL BE LIABLE TO JUDGMENT.**
- ✓ **WHOEVER IS ANGRY WITH BROTHER WILL BE LIABLE TO JUDGMENT**
- ✓ **DO NOT SWEAR AT ALL**
- ✓ **DO NOT TAKE A FALSE OATH**
- ✓ **UNLESS YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS SURPASSES THAT OF THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES YOU WILL NOT ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.**





JESUS SUMMARIZES THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

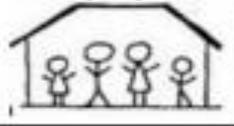
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Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

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Love your neighbor as yourself.

4-Love your parents.



5- Do not kill



6-Do not commit impure acts



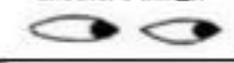
7-Do not steal.



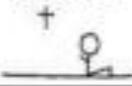
8-Do not lie.



9-Do not covet another's spouse.
10-Do not covet another's things.



1-Love God above all



2-Do not use God's name in vain.



3- Keep holy the Sabbath day.



Instructions: Cut the 2 hearts and the 2 strips with the commandments. Color and glue the 1st strip to heart 1; glue heart 2 to the end of the 1st strip, then the 2nd strip to the bottom of heart 2. Hang with a ribbon.