



Friends of Jesus and Mary

XXXI Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 6, 2-6; Psalm 17; Hebrews 7, 23-28; Mark 12, 28-34

The First Commandment

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: *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.* There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Reflection

One of the scribes came to Jesus. Who was a scribe? (A person that studied the Law of Moses.) **What does he ask?** (Which is the first of all the commandments?) **What does Jesus respond?** (You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.) **Jesus adds a second commandment. What was it?** (You shall love your neighbor as yourself.) **What do they both have in common?** (Love) **The Scribe agreed adding that**



loving God and loving your neighbor is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices. During that time, the law required animal sacrifices or food offerings to God for different reasons. What the Scribe meant was that loving God and neighbor is more important than following the law of sacrifices mechanically, for appearance's sake, but without love. What does Jesus answer him? (You are not far from the Kingdom of God.) **Why did God give us the commandments?** (He loves us and wants us to be happy. He knows that if we don't follow them, bad things can happen that cause us to be sad and even to lose eternal life. If we follow them with love, we will have eternal life.) **Review the 10 commandments and how they make us happy. How are they related to the 2 commandments in this gospel?** (The 1st summarizes the first 3 commandments; the 2nd summarizes the last 7 commandments.) **Loving God and loving neighbor is what God asks so we may obtain eternal life.**

Activities

Make the banner on the following page which divides the 10 commandments into those that talk about loving God and those that talk about loving neighbor. On the last page, state which commandments is being violated. Share how you can love God and your neighbor better this week.

Prayer

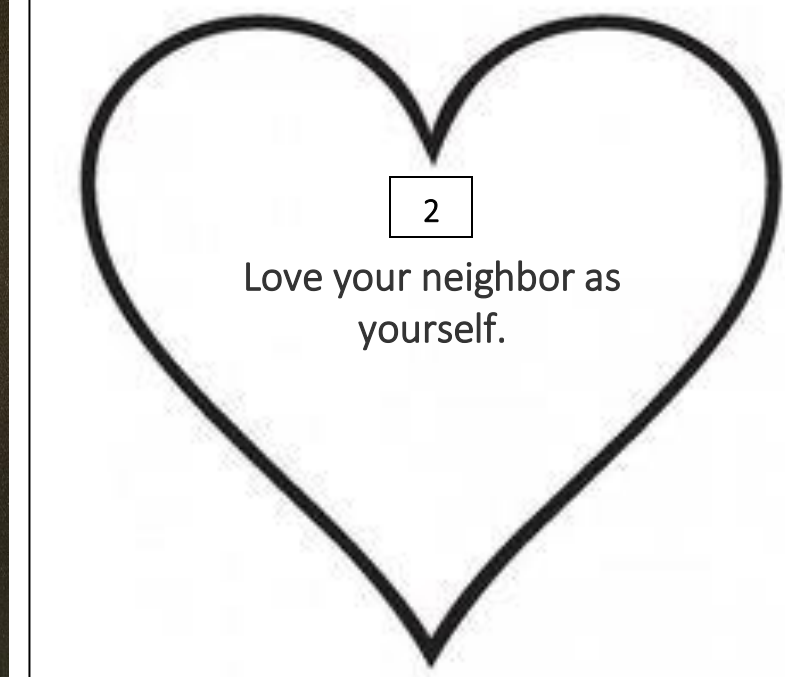
Lord, thank you for always caring about my happiness. Help me to love you with my whole heart so I may always want to obey you. Help me to love others more so I may be your light in the world. Amen

Song: The Greatest Commandment, World of Joms (Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/Y3DC9pBioQY>

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JESUS SUMMARIZES THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

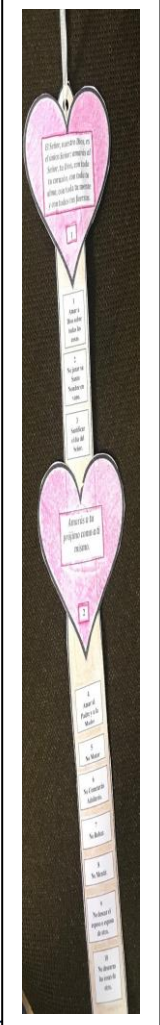


1-Love God above all

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

GOD

3- Keep holy the Sabbath day.



4-Love your parents.

5- Do not kill

6-Do not commit impure acts

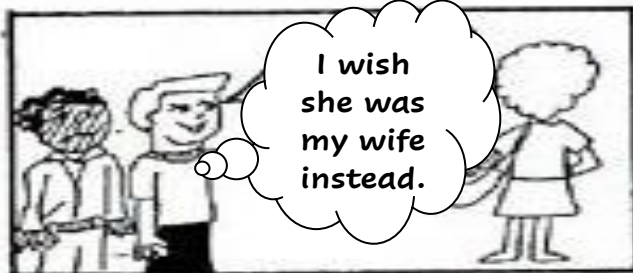
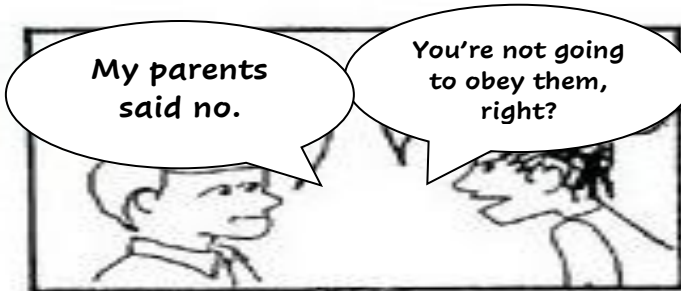
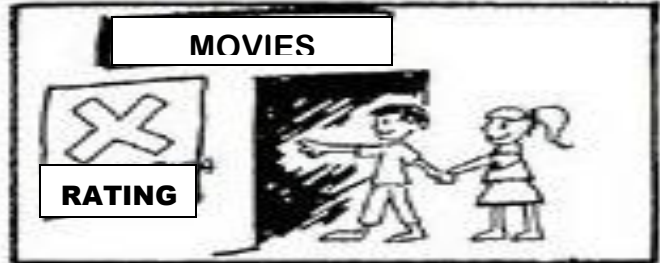
7-Do not steal.

8-Do not lie.

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



Instructions: Indicate which commandment is being disobeyed.



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