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Family Devotional June 7, 2020

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself. Matthew 22:37-39

Lord let us receive your love so we can give it to others.



SONG " Strong Love"



Last week we talked about how we successfully persevere through trials, while seeking Godly wisdom. This week we will read about how we are called to walk in love. We can use Godly wisdom as we walk in love. In light of all that is happening in our nation let's look at how Godly wisdom can help us honor the commandment that God has given us to love one another.

Read James 3:17 & discuss what wisdom looks like & what each of those things mean. When we are walking in Godly wisdom it allows our hearts & actions to be pure, peaceable, gentle, merciful, & sincere.

Read Matthew 22:37–39. What did Jesus say was the greatest commandment? What did Jesus say was the second greatest commandment? These commandments teach about love.

Part one says to love God with all your heart, soul, and mind. What does that mean? We should love God with everything in us. All we do, say, and think should show God just how much we love him.

Part two says to love your neighbor as yourself? What do you think that means? Do you think that means just your neighbors (the people who live next door to you) or do you think it means all people? Yes, it means all people, we should love all people and treat them the same way we want to be treated. Let's take a look at a story in the Bible where we see someone walking out this type of love.

Read Luke 10:25–37 In this story, how did the Samaritan show love to the hurt Jewish man? Did the Samaritan do all he could for the man? In this story, who was the neighbor? Did you know that back then Samaritans and Jews did not like each other? Why do you think they didn't like each other? Usually when people don't understand each other it feels uncomfortable, but Jesus taught this story to help break down barriers of those that are different than us and the attitudes that people had against people of other races and religions. God has commanded us to love and care for everyone. Think about someone you know that maybe you don't understand or who is different than you. What things would you want to talk about to help you know them better? How can you show Jesus' love to them? When you show love to others you are also showing love to God. This can be really hard to do so let's pray and ask God to help us: Lord, thank you for teaching us how to love you and other people. Lord let your wisdom allow our hearts and actions to be pure, peaceable, gentle, merciful, and sincere. Help us to show your love every day. Amen.

Today's family activity is on the next page.



Additional Scripture To Read & Discuss Throughout The Week
- Proverbs 2:6-Deuteronomy 6:5- Proverbs 16:16 - Proverbs 19:8 -

This week's activity is to learn this poem. You can trace the outline of your hands and write the poem on one hand and on the other write how you can show the love of Jesus to those around you.



To Love Myself & Others

**God's love it flows inside of me.
It's with me everyday.
I need to love myself &
Give His love away.**

**God asks that I love others
The way that He loves me
Even when I do not know
The differences I see**

**Today I choose to put His love
Inside my heart and hands.
And reach out to those around me
Giving love wherever I can.**