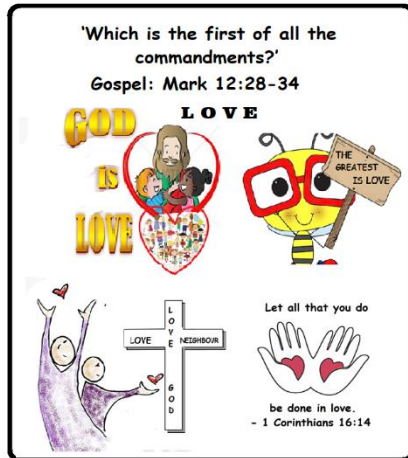


# “LOVE- the greatest commandment”

## Children’s Liturgy Activity October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021



### Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

In the Gospel today, we see a scribe come to Jesus and asking, ‘Which is the first of all the commandments?’. Scribes are scholars having the knowledge of the laws and who made copies of legal documents. The scribes knew all the commandments and the laws of Israel. Hence, he asks Jesus which among them is the most important ones?

Do we also get confused sometimes when there is lot of it to follow?

Jesus reveals the greatest of all the commandments. The first is the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second being You must love your neighbour as yourself. The entire commandments and laws sum up in TWO LOVES: love to God and love to neighbour.

How can we love God? How can we love someone? Knowing more about them and what they are doing for us and knowing how much they are loving us helps us to love. The more we know about God and of God's love and what he has done for us, the more we are able to love him and trust in him. The love of the Father is incarnated in Jesus.

How can we know more about God? From the scriptures, through Holy spirit-who pours God’s love into our hearts, through Church and Sacraments, from our parents etc.

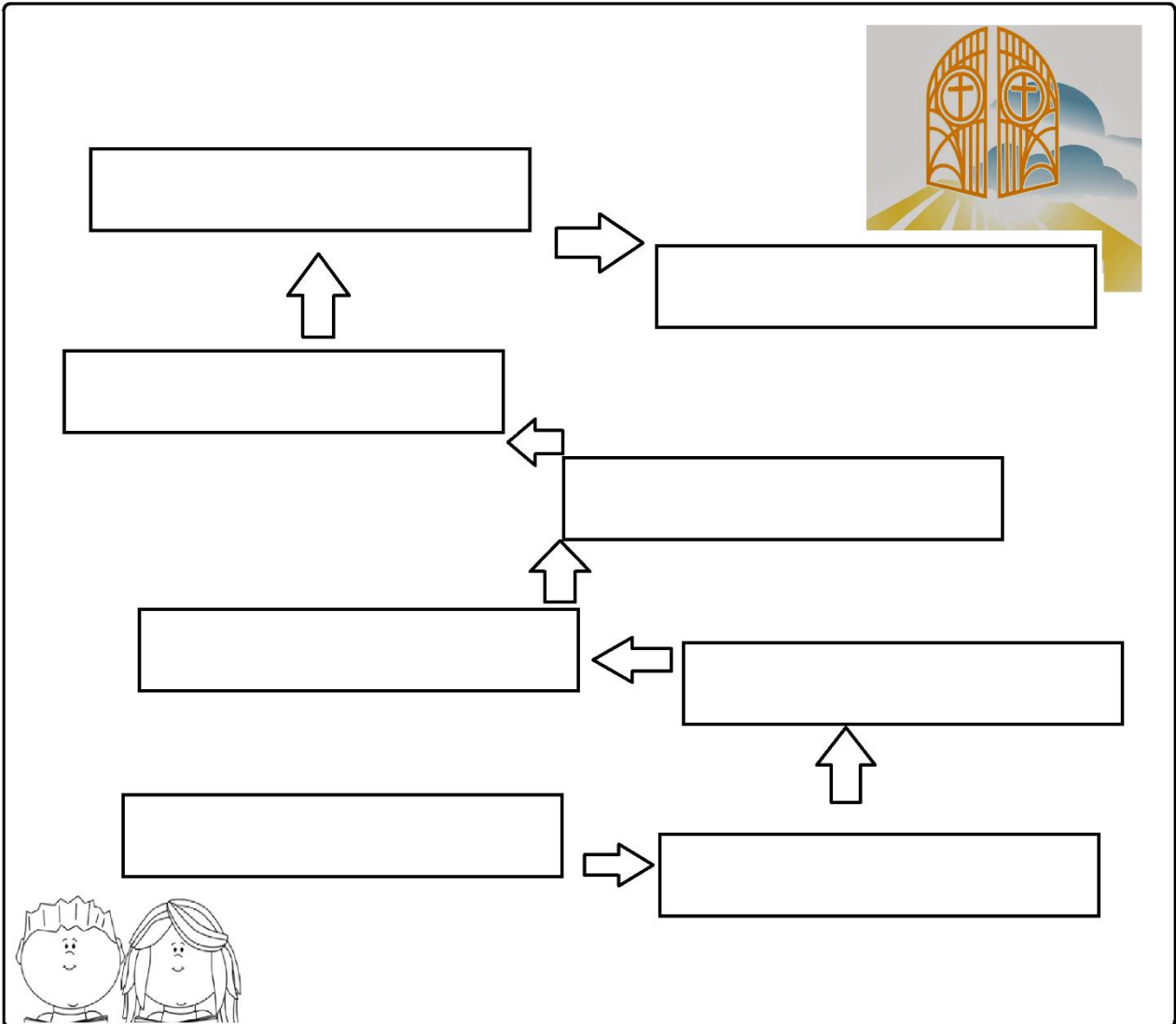
How can we show our Love to God? Our obedience to God is the measure of our love towards him. Our love to God also can be expressed through our faith, surrender to God , through spending time for him and praising and thanking him. Our love towards our fellow being also is an indicator of our love towards God.

The second commandment is to Love our neighbour as ourselves. How can we love our neighbour as ourselves? Love for our neighbour is rooted in the love of God. When the love of God flows into us, we will know how to love our neighbors as God loves us and as we love ourselves. Loving means sacrificing, helping, sharing, caring others etc.

Jesus says to the Scribe who understood and spoke wisely that he is not far away from the kingdom of God. The one who understand that to love God and to love neighbour is more important than any acts of sacrifice is not far from the kingdom of God. The greatest commandment is to love.

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.- 1 John 4:11-12

**BUILD THE WAY TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD BY CUTTING AND PASTING THE VERSES IN THE RIGHT ORDER FOLLOWING THE ARROW , STARTING FROM THE CHILD AND REACHING UPTO HEAVEN.**



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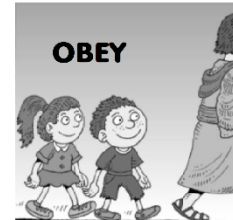
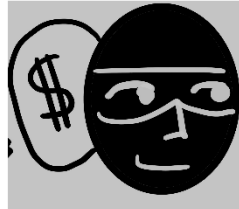
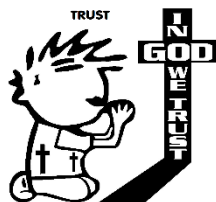
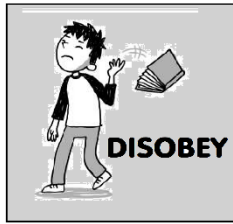
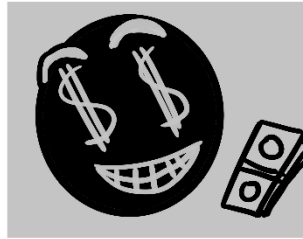
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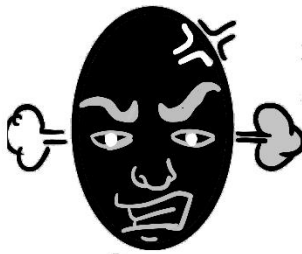
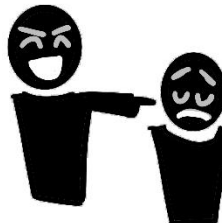
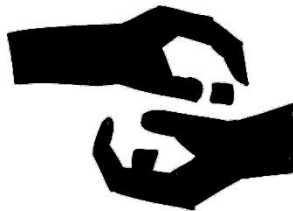
😊 Clue: Read today's Gospel.

Circle the right choices from below pictures to keep Jesus' commandments.

1. To love your lord

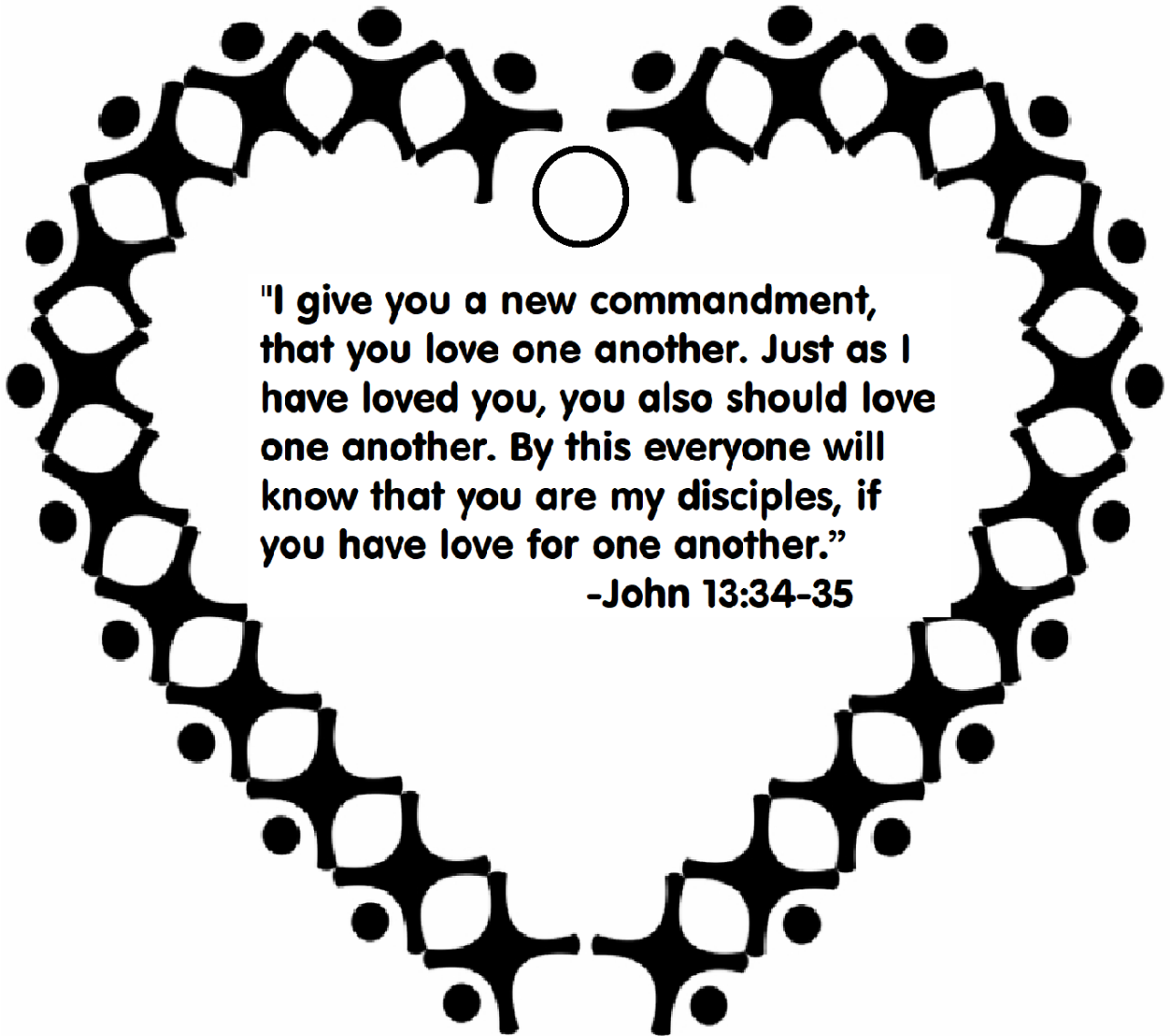


2. To love your neighbour as yourself



## 'Heart wall hanger'

cut out the heart template colour it and punch a hole in the place given. Stick it on a card and tie a thread through the hole to hang the verse card on the wall.



Let us pray, 🙏

Dear Lord, thank you for loving us unconditionally by sending your son Jesus and making us your children . Thank you for giving us Holy Spirit as our helper and friend to reveal us Jesus more and more. Pour more and more of your love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit so that we love our neighbour as you loved us and as we love ourselves.

In Jesus' name we pray, amen.