

The Greatest Commandment (Lower Elementary)

October 25, 2020 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Overview

In this week's Gospel passage, Jesus reminds us of the two great commandments: Love God and love your neighbor. In this lesson, students will look more closely at the true meaning of love and how Christians are called to apply its definition in the modern world.

Directions

- A. Read the Gospel passage aloud to your students as they follow along. Then discuss the focus and reflection questions with them as a class.
- B. Working individually, have your students reflect on the scenarios in the **Loving or Unloving?** activity.
- C. Review and discuss the answers when they have completed the worksheet.
- D. End by having students draw and color a picture to take home of Jesus teaching the Two Great Commandments.

Answer Key

Focus Questions

1. A scholar of the law tested Jesus.
2. He asked Him, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"
3. The first and greatest commandment is: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."
4. The second greatest commandment is: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Loving or Unloving?

1. Loving
2. Loving
3. Unloving
4. Unloving
5. Loving

6. Loving
7. Unloving
8. Loving
9. Unloving
10. Loving