

The Greatest Commandment (Middle and Upper 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. Have your students read the Gospel passage, or read it aloud to your students, and then answer the focus questions.
- B. Review and discuss the answers when they have completed the focus questions.
- C. Working individually, have your students reflect on the scenarios in the **Loving Unloving** worksheet.
- D. Review and discuss the answers when they have completed the worksheet.
- E. Have students read the **What is Love** worksheet and discuss the questions as a class.

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."
5. On the two commandments.

Loving or Unloving

1. Love of God
2. Love of God
3. Love of Neighbor
4. Love of Neighbor
5. Unloving
6. Unloving
7. Unloving
8. Unloving
9. Love of Neighbor
10. Love of Neighbor
11. Love of God
12. Unloving
13. Love of Neighbor
14. Love of Neighbor
15. Love of Neighbor