

Happy Sunday, Friends!

Today is all about the Greatest Commandment. Which sounds like something super awesome until you learn that Commandment is another word for RULE.

We first learn about the Commandments in the Old Testament with Moses in the book of Exodus. Hint - God gives Moses 10 Commandments. Today's sermon verses take us to the Book of Leviticus which is also in the Old Testament. Remember the Old Testament is before Jesus' time. The Book of Leviticus is like God's instruction manual for the Israelites. Fun Fact - there are A LOT of commandments, not just 10. The total number is 613!

But our lesson today takes us into the New Testament, to Jesus's time. He was being questioned again by the Pharisees. Remember these guys? They were religious leaders who were always questioning and testing Jesus, and not in a nice way. They were trying to get Jesus in trouble. Let's read on and find out how Jesus answers....

We are trying something new with the lesson this week, but all the same old standbys are there - they are just in the attached slides. This week you'll find the bible story, a video from our Whirl friends, some questions to think about, and a fun challenge at the end. There's also a cool video about kids explaining their thoughts on the Greatest Commandment.

Also attached are coloring and activity pages. Enjoy!

And please have your grown ups fill out the following Sunday School registration if they haven't already.

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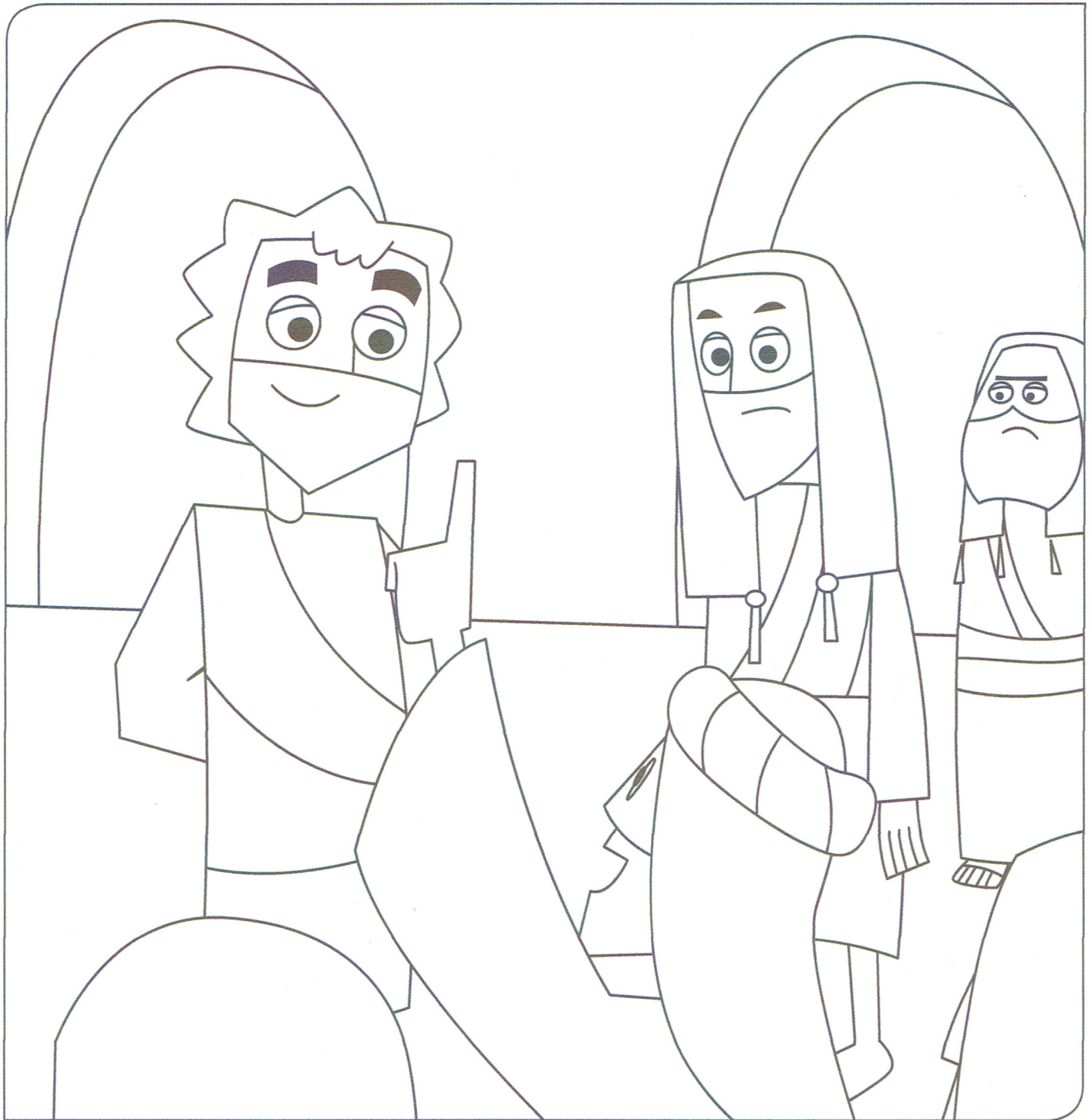
Finally Friends, If you were able to decide, what would you make the Greatest Commandment? I think for me it's pretty simple; like one of the signs says in our lesson: "Love God. Love Peeps".



I hope all of you know how much you are loved and missed! We can't wait to be all together at church again soon.

Take Care,
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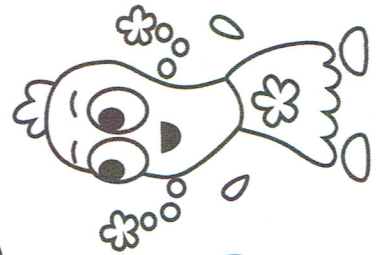
The Greatest Commandment



The Pharisees asked Jesus a question about rules. When Jesus answered, he talked all about LOVE. How do you think the Pharisees felt about Jesus' answer?

Color this message and give it to someone after worship.

**GOD
LOVES
YOU!**



God loves everyone!

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Pre-Reader

TODAY'S THEME IS LOVE.



Jesus wants us to love God with our heart, soul and mind. Can you find the words from today's story?

H	E	A	R	T
L	P	B	G	X
O	M	I	N	D
V	J	Z	Q	W
E	S	O	U	L

Words:

LOVE

HEART

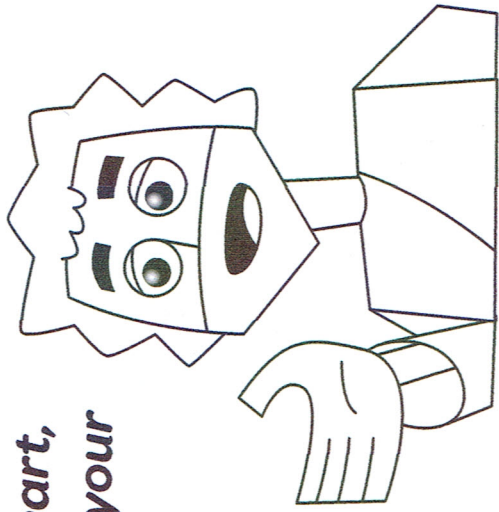
SOUL

MIND

Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Jesus talked about love in today's story. Jesus mentions love 13 times in the Gospel of Matthew.

Draw a heart around every **LOVE** word. Color all the letters.



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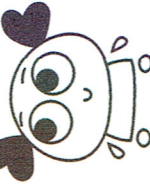
LOVE

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That's a lot of love!

LOVE

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Today our church family prays for ...



Wait... I see BUG. Do you see BUG? Is there a bug in today's story?

Words:
PHARISEE
TEMPLE
LAWYER
QUESTION
COMMANDMENT
LOVE
HEART
SOUL
MIND
NEIGHBOR

R	C	H	N	P	T	Y	E	B	O	L	S	D	H
E	V	E	A	J	N	E	I	G	H	B	O	R	U
Y	G	A	D	M	S	G	M	W	E	J	L	V	K
W	H	R	Q	I	O	R	F	P	N	A	I	M	E
A	K	T	R	V	L	C	H	F	L	T	Y	N	S
L	O	A	T	Z	N	O	I	T	S	E	U	Q	O
W	H	C	O	M	A	N	D	M	E	N	T	U	W
P	B	I	E	A	K	P	U	J	X	P	Q	I	L
F	R	M	I	N	D	S	L	D	E	B	U	G	M

Jesus told the Pharisees to love God with your heart, soul, and mind. Then love your neighbor as yourself. Find the words from this story below.



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LOVE

Philia = φιλία

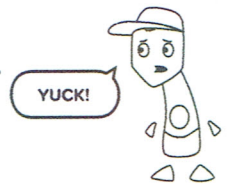


Those are three Greek words for love. The New Testament part of the Bible was originally written in Greek.

Philia is the love of friendship or family.

Eros = ἔρως

Eros is romantic love.



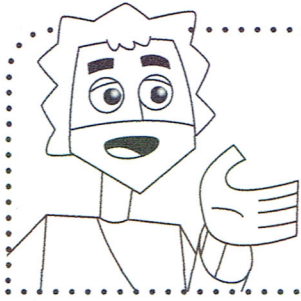
Agape = ἀγάπη

Agape is unconditional love.

Impress your friends! Tell them you know three Greek words for love!

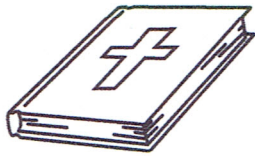
Teacher, which commandment is the greatest?

Look at what Jesus said. Then look at the verses from the Old Testament. Underline the words that are the same. Circle the words that are different.



“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”
Matthew 22:37-40

Jesus



“Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.” Deuteronomy 6:4-6

Old Testament

There are 39 books in the Old Testament. There are 27 books in the New Testament. Circle the books you’ve heard of before. Underline the books that are read from in today’s worship.

Old Testament

Genesis	Ecclesiastes
Exodus	Song of Solomon
Leviticus	Isaiah
Numbers	Jeremiah
Deuteronomy	Lamentations
Joshua	Ezekiel
Judges	Daniel
Ruth	Hosea
1 Samuel	Joel
2 Samuel	Amos
1 Kings	Obadiah
2 Kings	Jonah
1 Chronicles	Micah
2 Chronicles	Nahum
Ezra	Habakkuk
Nehemiah	Zephaniah
Esther	Haggai
Job	Zechariah
Psalms	Malachi
Proverbs	

New Testament

Matthew	1 Peter
Mark	2 Peter
Luke	1 John
John	2 John
Acts	3 John
Romans	Jude
1 Corinthians	Revelation
2 Corinthians	
Galatians	
Ephesians	
Philippians	
Colossians	
1 Thessalonians	
2 Thessalonians	
1 Timothy	
2 Timothy	
Titus	
Philemon	
Hebrews	
James	



In this scripture, Jesus was quoting scripture! The Old Testament, that is.

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