

Love God!

One day,

Jesus was with a group of people who were asking him questions. A man who knew that God expects us to live according to certain rules, called, laws, wanted to know which law was the most important. So he asked Jesus that.

Jesus answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." Then Jesus said, "The second greatest law is: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."



Thinking About God's Word . . . Matthew 22:35-46

1. What is a rule?
2. What is another name for a rule?
3. In the Bible, we use the words "law," and "commandment" when we talk about rules. Can you say the two words?
4. Jesus taught us that we should love God with all the love that is in us. He taught us this by saying we should love God with all our heart, our soul, and our mind. Say, "heart, soul, and mind" Can you remember those three? One way to remember is with motions. For "heart," point to your heart. For "soul," cross your arms over your chest, like when you go to Holy Communion. For "mind," point to your head. Now try saying, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind."
5. Jesus said that it was just as important to love our neighbor, meaning every person, as ourselves. What is one way you show love to another person?

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Jesus Died and Rose
So That We Can Be
with Him

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a lawyer came to ask our Lord Jesus Christ a question. Lawyers are very smart and know a lot about laws and rules, and this lawyer wanted to use what he knew to try to trick the Lord Jesus. He asked Jesus, "Which commandment is the greatest one in the law?"

Jesus answered, "You should love the Lord your God with all of your heart, and with all of your soul, and with all of your mind. This is the first commandment. It is also the greatest one. But the second one is like it. The second one says you should love your neighbor as much as you love yourself. All the other laws depend on these two."

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, "What do you think of the Christ? Whose son do you think he is?"

The Pharisees answered, "He is the son of David!"

Jesus said, "Well, then, why does David call him Lord? Remember how King David said, 'the Lord said to my Lord, sit at my right hand, till I make your enemies your footstool!?' So, if David calls the Christ his Lord, how can He be David's son?"

The Pharisees did not know how to answer Jesus, so they did not say anything. In fact, from that day, on, they did not even dare to ask Him any questions!

Thinking About God's Word . . . Matthew 22:35-46

1. In this Gospel story, who came to talk to Our Lord? Why did he come?
2. What did he ask the Lord Jesus?
3. What did Jesus tell him?
4. When Jesus asked the Pharisees a question, what did they answer him?
5. Who did Jesus say called the Christ, "Lord"? What does that mean?
6. Did the lawyer and the Pharisees keep on asking Jesus questions? Why or why not?
7. If you could ask the Lord Jesus a question, what would you ask Him?

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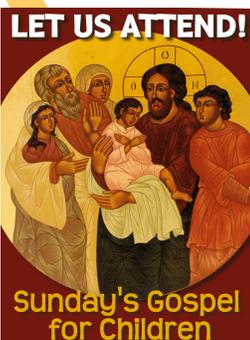
there came to Jesus a lawyer, asking him a question, to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" And Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, "What do you think of the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." Jesus said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, "the Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, till I make thy enemies thy footstool'? If David thus calls him Lord, how is he his son?" And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did any one dare to ask him any more questions.



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Thinking About God's Word . . . *Matthew 22:35-46*

1. Why did the lawyer come to ask Jesus a question? What question did he ask?
2. What two commandments did Our Lord say are the greatest?
3. Why do you think Jesus said that all the law and the prophets depend on those two commandments?
4. Whose son did the Pharisees say that the Christ was?
5. Jesus pointed out to them that David himself called the Christ his Lord. How did that compare to what the Pharisees called him?
6. What happened between the Pharisees and our Lord Jesus Christ, because of this conversation?
7. Do you think it is important that Christ is both the son of David AND his Lord? What does it tell you about Christ?



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That the World
Might Be Saved

Readers Theater

*Characters: Narrator, Lawyer,
Jesus, Pharisees, David*

Narrator: There came to Jesus a lawyer, asking him a question, to test him.

Lawyer: Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?

Narrator: And Jesus said to him,

Jesus: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two Commandments depend all the law and the prophets.”

Narrator: Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying,

Jesus: What do you think of the Christ? Whose son is he?

Narrator: They said to him,

Pharisees: The son of David.

Narrator: Jesus said to them,

Jesus: How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

David: “The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, till I make thy

enemies thy footstool”?

Jesus: If David thus calls him Lord, how is he his son?

Narrator: And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did any one dare to ask him any more questions.



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Take up Your Cross

15th Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 22:35-46

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Focus questions

1. What is the great commandment? How do you measure your love of God?
2. What is the second great commandment?
3. Some people have phrased the second great commandment as: "Do unto others what you would have them do unto you." Name one way you have followed this commandment.
4. The Chinese people have a saying similar to the second great commandment, "Do not do unto others what you do not want them to do to you." How is this like, or unlike what Christ said?
5. Who asked Jesus the question about the great commandment?
6. What question did Jesus ask him? Did he really need to know the answer? Why did he ask the question?

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Grades: High School
September 5, 2010

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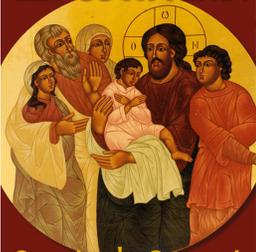
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5. To understand Jesus' words to the lawyer, look at the footnotes for Matthew 22:36-45.

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Next week: Why Did the Son of Man Come to Us?



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