The Greatest Commandment

LECTIONARY 30 MATTHEW 22:34-46



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LECTIONARY 30 · LOVE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST





NEIGHBORS

This week's theme is LOVE. God commands us to love God with all our heart and love our neighbors as ourselves. Here are some ideas to help your family show this kind of love.



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VALENTINE'S DAY ALREADY?

Celebrate this command it is Valentine's D



BRAIDED REMINDER

Braid a three-strand necklace or bracelet. One strand shows God's love for you. The second strand shows your love for God. The third shows love for your neighbor. Tie it around your neck or wrist all week to remind you that these three loves are part of the most important commandment. (For rubber band bracelets with a loom, make one with three colors. Pick one color to represent God, another to represent yourself, and a third to represent neighbors.)

YOU ARE LOVED

Make note cards that say "You

their doors. Sign your family's

name with a smile. Talk about

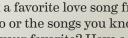
how these loving messages are

sharing *God's* love.

are loved." Put these in your neighbors' mailboxes or inside



Search online to learn about your neighbors. What cities or towns are next to yours? What about neighboring states or provinces? Neighboring countries? How can we think of the people who live in all of these places as our neighbors? How can we love them like God tells us to? Write your ideas in marker on a map and post it in your home.



Write words to a love song, or

pick a favorite love song from the radio or the songs you know. Why is it your favorite? Have a concert where everyone has to sing their song to the family, or share them at mealtime.

LOVE SONG



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HOW MANY TIMES

What does the Bible says about neighbors? Go to an online Bible search engine. Enter the word neighbor. How many times does it appear in the Bible? What do some of the verses say about how to love neighbors? Look up Luke 10:28-30. What does this say about loving neighbors?



ILLUMINATING NEIGHBORS

aminated manuscript is a manuscript with words that are Bustrated with designs, pictures, and other images. Search online for "Bible illuminated manuscripts" for examples. Create an illuminated manuscript for Matthew 22:37, 39: "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 vourself."

THIS WEEK **OUR FAMILY IS** PRAYING FOR ...





