

# G O S P E L

A reading from the Gospel of Mark 12:28-34

One of the teachers of the Jewish law came to Jesus and asked him, "Which one of the commandments is the most important?"

Jesus said, "The most important commandment is this: You must love God with all you heart, with all you soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. And the second most important is this: You must love your neighbour the same as you love yourself. "

The man who asked Jesus the questions said, "Teacher you are right. We have only one God. And we must love God with all our heart, and we must love our neighbours as we love ourselves. Doing this is more important than anything else we could do for God."

Jesus was pleased with what the man said, and he told him, "You are very close to the reign of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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# CAN WE TALK ABOUT IT

Today's Gospel emphasizes the importance of 2 commandments, which Jesus encourages us to live by. By following these commandments, we strengthen our relationship with God and we learn how to show our love for others.

Jesus said that the most important commandment is to love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. We only have one God and we must show our love for him in every way possible.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> most important commandment is to love your neighbour as you love yourself. This means that we should be respectful and compassionate towards other people if we expect others to treat us in the same way.

How can you show YOUR love for Jesus, your family, and friends?

Here are some ideas:

- Give your mom or dad a hug.
- Share a toy with a friend.
- Pray before bedtime.
- Draw a picture for a grandparent.
- Help out your brother or sister.

# ACTIVITY

Find the letters and colour them.

Read the secret message!

