

A Family Study from Today in the Word

The Greatest Commandment

This Family Study is a companion to our *Today in the Word* devotional, *Understanding the Greatest Commandment*. The whole family can learn from God's Word together. In each of the four lessons, you will:



Read

Read a passage
in the Bible



Understand

Understand the biblical
text in a deeper way



Imagine

Imagine the lesson
with hands-on activities

About the Greatest Commandment

Jesus tells us in the Bible that we should love God with everything we have (Matthew 22:37–38). This means we should love Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Loving God is the most important thing we do! We can show our love for God in many ways, such as praying, going to church, and loving other people.



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Read Matthew 22:34-40

Have you ever wondered which commandment God gave us was the most important of all? Jesus said loving God with everything in you is the most important commandment. More than anything, God wants us to love Him. Sometimes loving God means doing things we do not want to do, like obeying our parents even though we don't feel like it or being kind to someone who isn't kind to us. Loving God means doing what is right, and, when we mess up, asking God for forgiveness.



Understand

1. What is a commandment?
2. What did Jesus say was the greatest commandment?
3. What did Jesus say was the second greatest commandment?
4. What are some ways you can love God?
5. How can you love others?



Imagine

Parents, with your child come up with fun motions to represent their heart, soul, mind, and strength (for example, heart: making a heart with your hands, soul: prayer hands, mind: pointing to your head, strength: flexing muscles).

Play a game where whenever you say "heart, soul, mind, or strength," your child has to make the matching motion. As they get used to the game, start speeding up and try to catch them off guard! If they make the wrong motion, you can have them do things such as hop up and down or stand on one leg to make it more interesting. You can even have them recite their memory verse with the motions they come up with. Have fun and be creative!

