

# Responsibility is showing you can be trusted with what is expected of you.

Read: Matthew 22:37-39

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1

## Love God by Loving Others

Show God's love by showing how others are important to you. With your parent's help, schedule a play date with a friend. Bring something that you can share with your friend. Show them God's love by sharing and caring for them during your time together.

**ASK God to help you love others just like God loves you.**



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2

## The Greatest Commandment

Matthew 22:36-40 tells us that Jesus said the greatest commandment was to "love God and love others." Go outside with your grownup and find a rock. Write Jesus' most important commandment on your rock, just like how the original commandments were written on stone. If you can't find a rock, draw one on some paper and add the commandment.

**LOOK for ways that you can "love God and love others."**

Love God and love others.



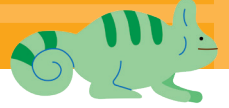
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## Read God's Word

Reading the Bible is one of the amazing ways to show love to God. We can read the Bible to learn more about God. Open up a Bible to Matthew 22:37-40. Read through the verses a few times. Talk with a friend or family member about other ways you can love God and love others today.

**KNOW that when we read God's Word, we are showing love to God.**



DAY

4

## Talking with God

Another amazing way to love God is to pray. When you pray, you can talk to God about what is going on with you and express thankfulness for all God has done. You can pray your own prayer or pray something like this:

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 "Dear God, thank You for loving me. Thank You for giving me stories in the Bible as examples of how to show love to others. I pray that I can show others that I love them this week. Please help me to share and be kind. Thank You for being with me each step I take this week. I love you, God. Amen."  
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**THANK God for being an example of showing love.**



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## DAY 1

### Read Matthew 22:36–37

This month is all about responsibility, which is showing you can be trusted with what is expected of you. One of the first things teachers go over each year is the rules—that way their students know what's expected of them so they can have a successful year.

What if your teacher had over 600 classroom rules?

When Jesus lived on earth, that's how many rules Jews had to follow! When this religious leader asked, "What's the most important commandment?", it was intended to be a trick question. But Jesus didn't fall for his trap. Jesus simply replied: Love God. Love others.

Jesus was saying, If you want to know what your responsibility is, it's to put God first. Because when you do that, you won't need 600 other rules.

Now fill in the blanks to personalize this prayer and read it out loud to God:

"Dear God, I love You for so many reasons, especially ..... and .....  
I want to put You first in my life, so please help me to make choices that show my love for You, today and every day. In Jesus' Name, I pray. Amen."

## DAY 2

### Read Matthew 22:39–40

When Jesus answered the religious leader's question about the most important commandment, He didn't stop with "love God." He quickly added the second, equally important part: love others.

When you think about it, loving God and loving others are like two sides of a coin. You can't really say you love God and then turn around and be unkind to your brother or the kid that bugs you at school. And you can't really love your brother or the kid at school without loving God. Why? Because God *is* love. The only reason you know HOW to love is because God loved you first.

### Coin of Responsibility

Grab a coin and cover it with masking tape. Write "God" on one side and "Others" on the other. Carry that coin in your pocket this week to remind yourself of your most important responsibilities. Ask God to help you take that responsibility seriously—that you would love others each day.

### DAY 3

#### Read Colossians 3:23

Have you ever received a standing ovation at a performance, or heard the roar of the crowd after scoring a goal? Or have you ever received a thank you note from someone?

It's awesome to be recognized for the things you do, but most of the time, the things you do day in and day out won't receive applause or special recognition. That's the nature of responsibility. Sometimes, you just have to do what you have to do.

However, there IS someone who sees and knows all. Every time you choose to be responsible, God sees it. When you're tempted to throw in the towel thinking no one cares about the things you do, remember the ONE that you should ultimately be doing it for loves you more than anyone. When you work with all your heart, it NEVER goes unnoticed.

Were any of the things you've taken responsibility for this week noticed by anyone else? If not, stop and thank God for being there to see it.

### DAY 4

#### Read James 4:7

We show God our love and trust with our obedience. And how do we know what God wants us to do? By reading God's Word.

Part of what you're doing right now as you read this is showing how special God is to you. By completing this devotional today, you are spending time reading God's Word and listening to what God has to say. When you apply what you've read, when you live it out, you're showing you trust God to know what's best for you.

There is someone who wants to distract you from obeying God. As you read in the James verse, sometimes you have to stand up to the devil who doesn't want you to take responsibility for loving God and loving others well. How do you do that? The good news is, when you choose to obey God, that enemy doesn't stand a chance!

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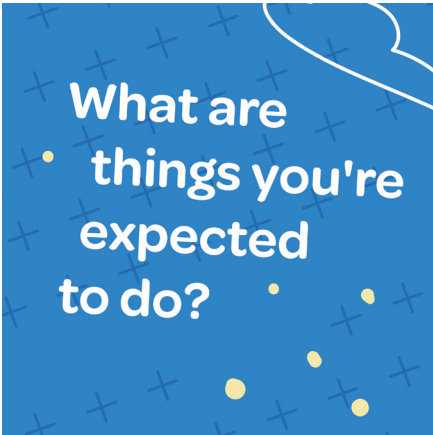
#### Coin Check

Have you been carrying your coin around this week to remind you to love God and love others? Hold your coin as you pray and thank God for helping you show responsibility each day.



**Love God and  
love others.**

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.



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Day 1

After watching, write one thing that:

Watch this week's story at [www.cornwallchurch.com/children!](http://www.cornwallchurch.com/children!)

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

1. You liked:

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2. You learned:

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3. You'd like to know:

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## Day 2

### Read Matthew 22:36–40

The religious leader who asked Jesus what the most important law was knew what he was doing. After all, there are 613 laws in the Old Testament! How in the world could Jesus narrow that down?

But Jesus knew what He was doing too—He always does. Jesus narrowed alllll of the laws in the Bible to these two.

Use the passage to fill in the blank:

Love \_\_\_\_\_

Love \_\_\_\_\_

That's it! Everything you can and should do in life falls under these two commandments.



## Day 3

Go back and read Jesus' answer to the religious leader when he asked Jesus what the most important command was (Matthew 22:37–39).

What a gift Jesus gave us by narrowing down all of the commands to **love God and love others**. Take a minute to thank God for sending Jesus by reading the prayer below.

**Dear God**, thank You for sending Jesus to be my Savior and for showing me what it looks like to follow after You. Sometimes it's hard to know what the right thing to do is, but thank You for making it simple for me—I just have to love You and love others. Help me this week to find at least one way to show love to both You and to another person. In Jesus' Name, I pray. **Amen**.

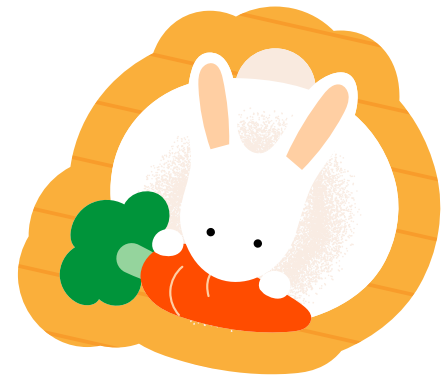
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### What are things you're expected to do?

When most people hear the word “command” or “commandment,” they probably think of the 10 Commandments. They may not know what the individual commandments are, but they do know that they exist. Here's the great news: you don't really have to know what the 10 commandments are to follow them. If you follow Jesus' command to love God and love others, you will naturally end up following all 10 of the commandments too!

Find a friend or family member to play a quick game of 10 to 2. Take turns calling out the 10 commandments from the list below to each other. The other person should immediately respond with either, “love God, or “love others.” (Note that these are not listed in the same order as they are in the Bible.)

1. Do not make statues of other gods to worship.
2. Do not steal.
3. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.
4. Don't misuse the name of the Lord your God.
5. Do not murder.
6. Do not be jealous or envious of what others have.
7. Honor your father and mother.
8. Don't put any other gods in place of me.
9. Keep your promises to your husband or wife.
10. Do not lie.



## Day 5

Jesus broke all the laws in Scripture down into two simple commands: **Love God and love others**.

If we can just remember those two things—and do them—we will show others how much God loves them and how easy it is to follow Jesus.

Find a notebook or something else you use often throughout the day and create some word art to remind you of these most important commands. Grab a pencil plus whatever you like to use for color: crayons, markers, colored pencils...

Using the pencil first, draw the words LOVE GOD and LOVE OTHERS in block letters on the front or inside cover of the notebook—the thicker, the better. Then use the coloring supplies to make the letters colorful. You can simply color the letters in, or you can make doodles or patterns.

Every time you see these words throughout your day, think of a way you can love God or someone around you with your actions.