

St. James Episcopal Church  
A Moment for Kids—of All Ages!  
OCTOBER 29, 2017—THE TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 25)  
THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT



Love God!

Love All People!

What is the most important thing to do? To love God and to Love each other.

Can you draw ways that you love God and love other people in this heart?

Someone asked Jesus to say which was the most important law. There were 613 laws (including The Ten Commandments) for Jesus to choose from! But Jesus didn't hesitate! Love is the most important law. He wants us to know that the most important thing to do is to love. So he said "First, love God with all your heart, soul and mind. Second, love your neighbor as you love yourself. Everything else depends on this."

*From Matthew 22:34-40*

## THE GOSPEL AND REAL LIFE

How many rules to you have to follow? I'll bet you can think of a whole bunch! How many people or groups make rules? Your parents, your school, the government—they all make rules. Even you and your friends make rules for how you play games. Rules are a way to guide us. Good rules help us to keep things fair for all people. God's most important rule is that we love God and love each other. Think about how you can follow this rule and how the world is a better place when you do.

### THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT WORD SEARCH

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Share, Holy,  
Kindness, Jesus,  
Law, Helper,  
Friend, God,  
Everyone, Love  
Greatest,  
Commandment

## BRINGING THE GOSPEL HOME: THOUGHTS FOR PARENTS

Rules can be difficult for kids to accept. You probably get this question every day: "BUT WHY?" Why do I have to do my homework, go to bed, help clean up? Why can't I go out at midnight with my friends? Sometimes you may be prepared with specific reasons, and sometimes the answer is just "because I said so". Compare your rules to God's rules. They are all based in love, in making the best possible life for your family. Making and negotiating rules can be a good time to talk about why you have rules, and what you want from them.

### ***Dinner Table Conversations:***

*What rules to you have to follow at school, home, church, on the playground, or in sports?*

*What does Jesus say is the most important rule to follow?*

*What rules does God give us?*

*What does Jesus say is the most important law to obey?*

*Why do you think that love is the most important rule?*