



Memory Verse: The second is, **Love your neighbor as yourself.** There is no other command greater than these. **Mark 12:31***

Love Your Neighbor as Yourself

Who is our neighbor? Our neighbor is anyone that we meet and get to talk with. Your neighbor is your family or your friends at school. A neighbor may be someone you meet at the park or a new friend at church. How do you love your neighbor as yourself? Think about all of the things that you need and want... a place to live, clothes, food, toys, friends, family and most of all Jesus. Loving someone as we love our self means that we want all of those things for others too, and we try to help them have those things. Can you give food to someone who is hungry? Can you be a friend to someone who is lonely? Can you share or give your toys to someone who doesn't have any? Most importantly can you tell others how much Jesus loves them? When we love others, we are showing the world that we love God. Who can you show love to today?

Pray: Dear God, help me to love people like I love myself. Help me to show love for others by telling them how much You love them.

Ideas to live it out!!!

- Make Valentine cards and deliver them to residents in a nursing home
- Make an invitation card and invite a family to go to church with you
- Mail or deliver homemade Valentine cards to widows or widowers

Love Jar

Set a "love jar" on the kitchen counter. When your children see an act of kindness or God's love demonstrated, help them write it down and place the note in the jar. At the end of the month, go out for ice cream and take time to read the pile of slips. You may need to begin the month by pointing out to your little ones moments when someone is showing love. You may say something like, "Did you see the way that man held the door open for others as they were walking into the restaurant? He was showing love."

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***Bold portions of the memory verse are the portions suggested for younger preschoolers who may be unable to memorize the entire verse.**