

Welcome to Kids Corner!

Sunday, October 8, 2023

LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD

Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 6:4-9

Key Verse:

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.
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The Point:

We are called to love God and others.

Making Connections:

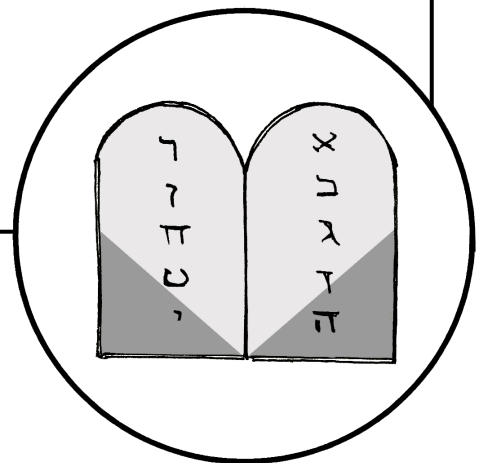
Responding to God's Love

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

What Is the Torah?

Spiritual Practice:

Service



BACKGROUND

Making Connections

Last week, students explored the story of Moses and the burning bush. This week's story is a continuation of the story of Moses, after the Israelites have escaped slavery in Egypt. In this story, God continues to speak to the Israelites through Moses, teaching them how to respond to God's love by loving God and loving each other.

Story Summary:

Love the Lord Your God

The text in Deuteronomy 5:1-21 is a restatement of the Ten Commandments found in Exodus 20. God speaks through Moses to the Israelites, reminding them of the covenant that God created with them. They are then instructed how to love the Lord their God and love and respect their neighbors. The second portion of the story, found in Deuteronomy 6, gives the Israelites a great and important commandment: they are to love God with all of their heart, soul, and strength.

These commandments are repeated again and again throughout Scripture, including in the New Testament. In Matthew 22:36-38, Jesus reminds us that loving God is the greatest commandment. Then, in verse 38, Jesus reminds us that the second greatest commandment is to love others.

The Point

We are called to love God and others. Many people hear the Ten Commandments and understand them as ten important rules we should follow. However, the Ten Commandments are more than just ten big rules. The commandments give us guidelines on how to live. We are asked to

respect God by not worshipping anyone or anything other than our God, and by only using God's name in affirming and helpful ways. We are asked to respect other people by being kind to them, honoring them, and respecting their lives and property. God has made a covenant to love and respect us, and we respond to this covenant by returning the love and respect to our Creator. In the New Testament, all of the commandments are fulfilled when we love God completely and love our neighbors as ourselves. As followers of Jesus, we strive to live out these commandments through our words and actions.

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

What Is the Torah?

The different books of the Bible can be classified into different sections. The first five books of the Bible (Genesis through Deuteronomy) are known in the Hebrew tradition as the Torah. The word "*Torah*" means "instruction" or "teaching." The stories and commandments in these first five books provide teaching for the people of God. Specifically, the books of the Torah give God's people guidelines on how to live lives of love.

Spiritual Practice: Service

How do we live out God's commandments to love God and to love other people? One way to answer this question is by thinking about how we can show our love for others through acts of service. When we serve others, we respond to God's call to love one another.

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Deuteronomy 6:5

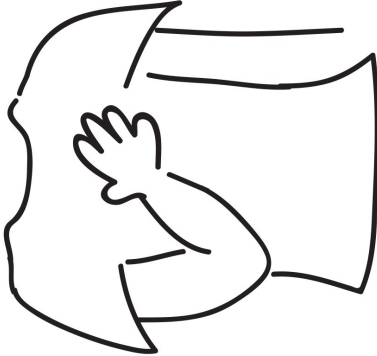
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Use the *BLANK PAGE* (next) to make a graphic novel of the story.

<u>Panel</u>	<u>Line of Story</u>
1	Today we hear a story from the Book of Deuteronomy. We have given it the title “Love the Lord Your God.” In this story, we will hear some important commandments that God gave to God’s people.
2	Moses gathered all of God’s people together. He told the people of Israel that they should follow all of the commandments that he was about to give them.
3	Moses reminded them that these commandments were given to their ancestors by God many, many years ago. He told them that these commandments were a covenant, or promise, that God made with their ancestors, and that they still should follow this covenant today.
4	Moses told the people about these commandments. He told them that we are commanded to love and respect God, and we should only worship God. We should treat God’s name with respect, too.
5	Moses told the people that God also commands us to spend time every week resting and worshipping God. For six days we should work, and on the seventh day we should rest.
6	Moses told the people that God also commands us to love and respect others. We are commanded to honor our parents and treat them with love and respect.
7	God commands us to respect other people by honoring their lives and their property. We should not hurt or harm them in any way, lie about them, or be jealous of what they have.
8	Moses told God’s people that, most importantly, they should love God with all of their heart, with all of their soul, and with all of their might. We are instructed to remember these commandments and keep them in our hearts all the time.

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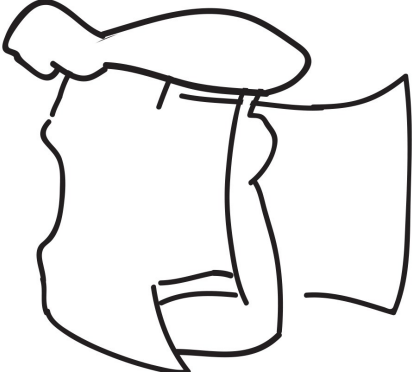
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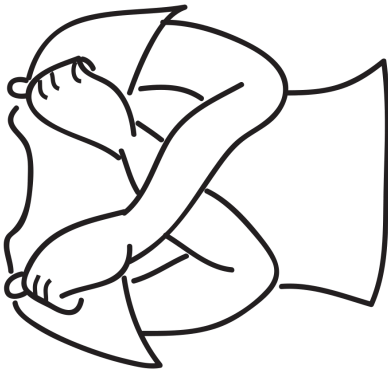
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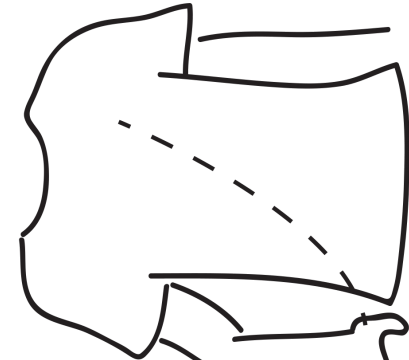
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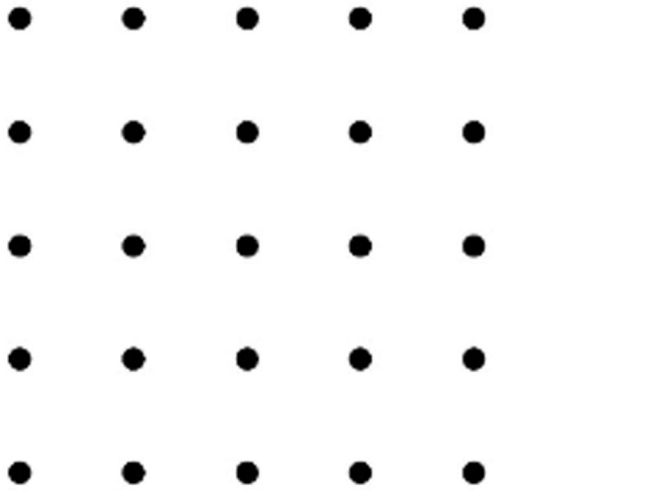
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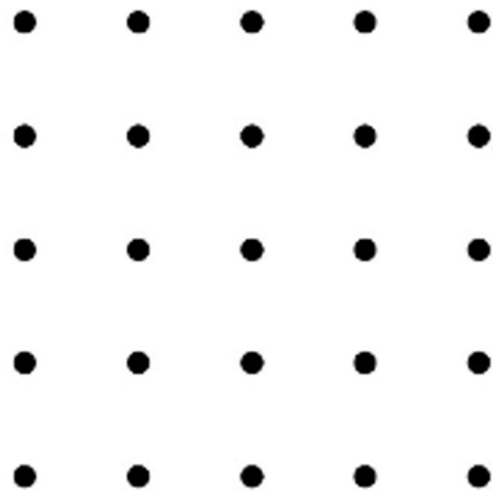
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DOTS AND BOXES

GAME 1



GAME 2



GAME 3

