

Obeying the Two Great Commandments

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets (Matthew 22:37-40).

How do your family/classroom rules support the Two Great Commandments? Here is an activity to help you explore this idea.

1. Use the following diagram or make your own, writing "The Lord" at the top of the page and then setting up two columns below. Write the First Great Commandment at the top of the column to the left and the Second Great Commandment at the top of the column to the right.
2. Now take your family rules and decide whether to place them under "Love the Lord" or "Love the Neighbor."
 - For example, going to church on Sundays and saying grace at mealtime would go in the first column because they more directly relate to loving the Lord than the neighbor.
 - Rules about not hitting siblings or helping with family chores would go in the second column because they more directly related to loving the neighbor.

Alternative Activity:

Write your family rules on separate index cards, post-it notes, or blank vocabulary cards, then sort them into two groups according to whether they fit best under "Loving the Lord" or "Loving the Neighbor."