

**Glenview New Church Sunday Morning Program**  
**Preschool Lessons, Phase 1 - Lesson 22**  
**The Two Great Commandments (Matthew 22:34-40)**

**Theme:** The Lord Teaches Us

**I. Underlying Ideas for the Teacher**

- A. The four faculties with which we are to love the Lord include all our faculties. Heart and soul mean our inner love and thought; mind and strength mean our thoughts and loves brought into action (AE 750, AC 9936).

**II. Story Circle**

A. Introduce the Story

1. When the Lord was a man on earth He taught people many things.
2. People often asked Him questions. Sometimes they really wanted to learn about how to be good; sometimes they were trying to trick Him.
3. The Lord always had very wise answers.

B. Tell/Read the Story

1. Matt 22:34-40

C. Ideas to discuss

1. What is the first most important commandment? (To love the Lord)
2. What is the second most important commandment? (To love the neighbor as ourselves)
3. Who is "our neighbor"? (All people)
4. How much should we love our neighbors? (As much as we love ourselves)
5. Why did some bad people ask the Lord questions? (To trick Him)
6. Was the Lord ever tricked? (No, He always gave very wise answers)

D. Further Ideas

1. Talk about Valentines Day. (Whom do you love? Who loves you? Are you going to give valentines?)
2. How do you show people that you love them? (Hugs, kisses, do nice things for them)
3. How do you show the Lord that you love Him? (Try to be good, help people, think about Him, learn about Him)

**III. Enrichment Activities**

A. Music

1. "The Two Great Commandments" (Lori's Songs; tape 2, side A, song 7)

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### B. Activities

1. Valentines Day party (if this lesson coincides with Valentine's Day)
2. "How are we neighbors?"

### C. Projects

1. Make a valentine card for the Lord or for others (if this lesson coincides with Valentine's Day). Use colored paper, stickers, doilies, and markers. Glue text slips onto the card:
  - a. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart...." Matt 22:37
  - b. "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Matt 22:39
2. Make a picture of all the people you love.
3. Heart-shaped cookies
  - a. Bake with children
  - b. Bring cookies for the children to decorate

## IV. Teaching Aids

- A. If you're not baking cookies, you could bring some (or candies) in for a special Valentines Day treat.

## V. Further Reading for the Teacher

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