

# God Gives Us Laws



## WE GATHER

**+** **Leader:** Lord God, you give us life and love. Your laws help us to know how to love you and others. Show us how to follow you:

**Reader 1:** in our homes


**Reader 2:** in our parish

**Reader 3:** in our neighborhood

**Reader 4:** in our world.

**All:** "The earth, LORD, is filled with your love; teach me your laws."

(Psalm 119:64)

 What are some rules that you follow every day?



## WE BELIEVE

### Jesus taught us the Great Commandment.

God the Father loves us very much. He protects us by giving us laws to follow. God's laws are called **commandments**.



Matthew 22:35-39

One day Jesus was teaching. Someone asked him which commandment is the greatest. Jesus answered, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." Then he said, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

(Matthew 22:37, 39)

Jesus showed us how to love God, ourselves, and others. Jesus' teaching to love God and others is the **Great Commandment**. When we obey this commandment we follow all of God's commandments.



For each picture tell how Jesus is living the Great Commandment. How can you show your love like Jesus did?



## The Ten Commandments help us to live as God's children.

Many years before Jesus was born, God gave his people special laws. These laws are called the **Ten Commandments**. They are written in the Old Testament in the Bible.

When Jesus was growing up, he learned these commandments. He obeyed these laws and taught his followers to obey them.

The commandments help us to live as God's children. The first three commandments help us to love God. The other seven commandments help us to love ourselves and others.

### Key Words

**commandments** God's laws

**Great Commandment** Jesus' teaching to love God and others

**Ten Commandments** ten special laws God gave to his people

### The Ten Commandments

1. I am the LORD your God: you shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the LORD's Day.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.



Use one color to underline each of the first three commandments. Use another color to underline the other seven commandments

## God wants us to show him our love and respect.

Following the Ten Commandments helps us to live as children of God. We must show God our love by following the first three commandments. Here are some of the ways.

- We believe in one God and love him more than anything.
- We speak God's name only with love and respect.
- We worship God with our parish each week for Mass on Sunday or Saturday evening.

We can praise God in song.

### **We Celebrate with Joy**

We celebrate with joy and gladness.  
We celebrate God's love for us.  
We celebrate with joy and gladness,  
God with us today. God with us today.

God surrounding us.  
God surprising us.  
God in everything we do.  
God surrounding us.  
God surprising us.  
God in all we do.

## As Catholics...

God is always with us. We can talk to him anytime or anywhere. Our words to God are prayers. Sometimes we say short prayers. These prayers are called aspirations. Here are three examples.

- God, I love you.
- Jesus, be with me.
- Holy Spirit, help me.

You can make up your own aspirations. Pray them often.




## God wants us to show that we love others as we love ourselves.

God wants us to treat one another as brothers and sisters. In the Fourth through the Tenth Commandments, we learn ways to love ourselves and others. Here are some of the ways.

- We obey our parents and all who care for us.
- We respect all human life.
- We respect our bodies and the bodies of others.
- We protect everyone, especially those who cannot protect themselves.
- We take care of what we own.
- We are fair when playing.
- We do not steal what other people own.
- We tell the truth and speak kindly of others.
- We show that we are thankful for our family and friends.
- We show that we are thankful for what we own.

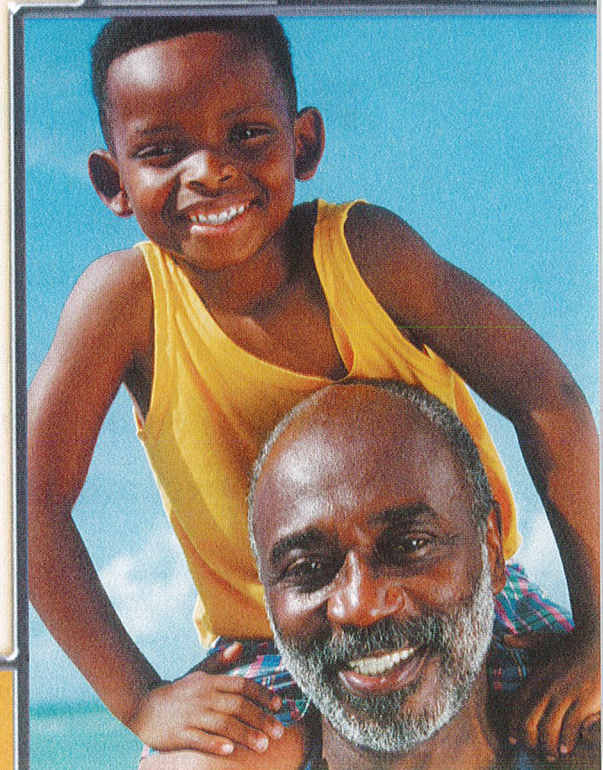
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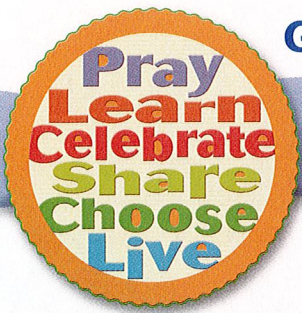
 Write two ways you can show love for yourself and others.

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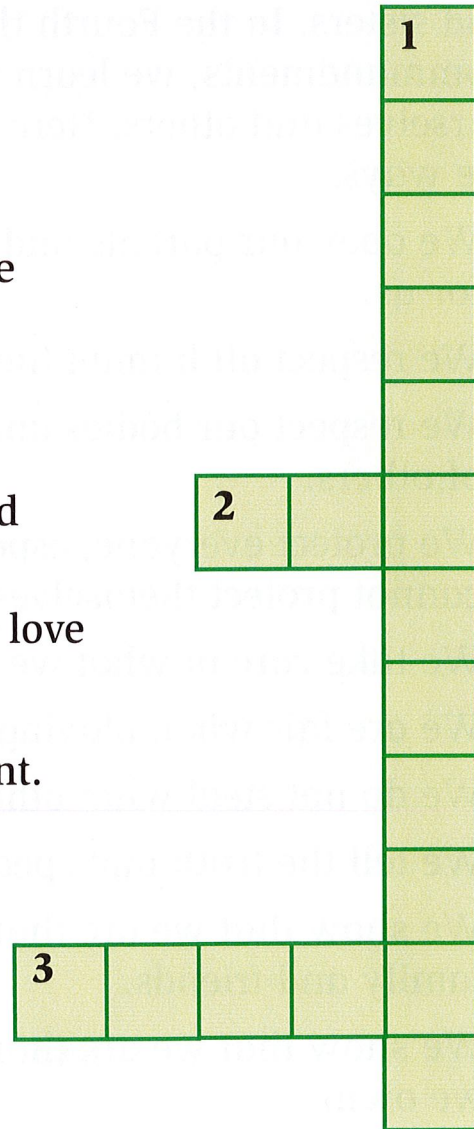
# PROJECT

## Show What *you* Know

Use the clues below to complete the puzzle

with **Key Words**.

- 1 Down:** Another word for God's laws
- 2 Across:** The number of special laws God gave his people
- 3 Across:** The name of Jesus' teaching to love God and others is the \_\_\_\_\_ Commandment.

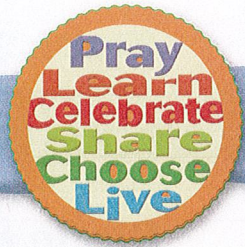


## Reality Check

Check the ways that you can live the commandments.

- say mean words
- help team members
- respect others
- cheat
- be honest
- lie

# DISCIPLE



## Picture This

Which commandments are these disciples following? Draw a line to match the picture to the correct commandment.



● Keep holy the LORD'S Day.



● You shall not steal.



● Honor your father and your mother.

## Make it Happen

Teach this prayer to a friend.

*"The earth, LORD, is filled with your love; teach me your laws."*

(Psalm 119:64)

## Take Home

List some of your family rules.

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Share it with your family. Can you think of another rule to add?

↪ **DISCIPLE CHALLENGE** Circle the family rules that help you to follow the Ten Commandments.

# CHAPTER TEST

**Circle the correct answer.**

1. Is Jesus' teaching to love God and others the Great Commandment? Yes      No
2. Should we always speak God's name with respect? Yes      No
3. Are we following the commandments when we do not obey our parents? Yes      No
4. Are we following the commandments when we steal what other people own? Yes      No
5. Do we show our love for God when we follow the first three commandments? Yes      No

**Use the words in the box to complete the sentences.**

6. In the Fourth through the Tenth Commandments, we learn to always love \_\_\_\_\_ and others.
  7. When we obey the Great Commandment, we follow \_\_\_\_\_ of God's commandments.
  8. God wants us to show him our love and \_\_\_\_\_.
  9. The commandments help us to live as God's \_\_\_\_\_.
  10. Write one way you can follow God's commandments.
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all  
respect  
ourselves  
children