

# The Gospel at Home

## This Sunday's Gospel: Mark 12:28b-34

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus gives us his New Law: Love God and love your neighbor. This Great Commandment sums up Jesus' teaching that love is what connects us to God and all other people. It sounds easy, but living the Law of Love takes great effort and prayer. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can follow Jesus' Great Commandment.

### Exploring the Gospel Message

**Seeds (Preschool):** Your child learned about the importance of love. He or she also learned many practical ways to show love to God. Invite your child to share some of the ways we show love for God and others. As a family, recite the prayer titled "My Thank-You Prayer."

**Promise (Grades K-1):** This week, your child looked at ways that people show love to each other. They learned about Jesus' Great Commandment of loving God and others. Have your child tell you how Saint Katharine Drexel showed love for God and others in her life. Practice the Lord's Prayer using the booklet made during class.

**Good News (Grades 2-3):** Your child's class explored what it means to love with all one's heart, mind, and strength. Ask your child to summarize the story of the "Birthday Box Surprise." Brainstorm ways your family shows love for God and others. Then play "The Love Game" on page 4.

**Venture (Grades 4-6):** Your young person looked at rules before studying Jesus' Great Commandment. Invite your child to tell you who the winners were in the story, "Carrying the Trophy Home." Discuss as a family how love binds you to God and to others. Ask your child about the Jewish creed that we hear echoed in the Gospel of Jesus' Great Commandment to love. Hint: Deuteronomy 6:4-5. Be sure to ask your child about how Father Damien showed love to people in Molokai, Hawaii.

**Visions (Grades 7-8):** To learn about Jesus' Great Commandment to love God and others, your youngster heard the story of Sister Rosemary Nyirumbe. Ask your son or daughter why *Time* magazine listed Sister Rosemary on its 100 Most Influential People in the World. Start a family project to help Sister Rosemary in her work. Ask your young person how he or she felt about the two scenarios on page 7.

### Pray Together

This Sunday's Gospel is about Jesus' Great Commandment to love God and love our neighbor. In giving the Great Commandment, Jesus cites one of Israel's oldest creeds. Read the passage from Deuteronomy 6:4-5. Pray as a family by praising and thanking God. Be sure that each family member has a chance to contribute to the prayer. Keep the prayer in mind as you show God's love to others in your life this week.