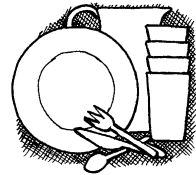
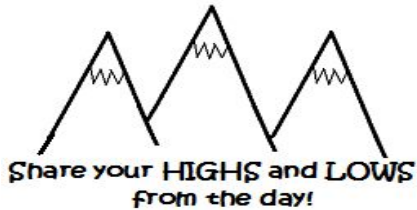


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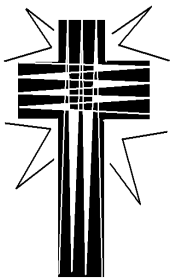


"Families passing on the faith as they pass their plates at the Family Table on the week of Nov 1st"



What was your best
Halloween Costume
ever?

1. What did the teacher of the law ask Jesus?
2. What did Jesus say was the most important commandment?
3. What is the second most important commandment?
4. The teacher of the law said these two commandments were more important than what?
5. When Jesus saw the man had answered wisely, what did Jesus say to him?



FAMILY CHALLENGE

Our Jewish brothers and sisters would have been familiar with what Jesus has called the most important commandment. **"Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one... Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your soul, and all your might."** This is a part of a very ancient Jewish prayer called the shema. Because this prayer was very important, Jewish parents taught their children the shema. Jewish families said this prayer over and over again and wrote these words on their hearts – they even hung these words by their doors. As a family, write the two most important commandments from the Gospel lesson on a piece of paper and hang it by your door. Let this paper remind you that God has freed us through his love to love Him and our neighbors.

Mark 12:28-34

²⁸One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"
²⁹"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. 'There is no commandment greater than these.'" ³²"Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him."
³³To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." ³⁴When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."
And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

The Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**