

# SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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MARK 12:28B-34



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In this passage, a leader of the Jewish faith is questioning which of the commandments is the most important one. Remember, many are trying to get Jesus to say something that is against Jewish tradition to show he is not the Messiah. Jesus knows all of this, and amazes them again with the simplicity and truth of his message: love God with your whole heart, soul and mind. And to love your neighbor as yourself.

God wants us always to put him first in our life! Not after our family or friends, or things that we own - *but first!* By putting him at the center of our life, we discover the joy Jesus promises us!

The second commandment to love your neighbor can be a little harder! Jesus asks us to love other people the way God loves us. We are called to love, not to judge. We are asked to spread his love to all we meet.

### FOR MORE FUN

- ★ This past week we celebrated All Saints Day (November 1st) and All Souls Day (November 2). Are you named after a Saint in the Catholic Church? Ask your parents how your name was chosen for you - even if it's a family name - look it up and see if there are famous saints in our church with your name! Pray to them for their direction and assistance! "With God there are no coincidences!"
- ★ On All Saints Day, we remember those great women and men who have walked the earth before us! Many lived extraordinary lives, while others witnessed their faith in daily life by doing all things with great love. Find some time to think about a person you could help this week - a teacher, a friend or classmate, parent or brother or sister - simply by being kind and loving! God has great plans for you to spread his love and joy! Start with this!