

Year A - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 22:34-40

Love the Lord your God, and your neighbour as yourself.



After Jesus had made the Sadducees look foolish,
the Pharisees heard about it and got together.
One of them was an expert in the Jewish Law.
So he tried to test Jesus by asking,
"Teacher, what is the most important commandment in the Law?"

Jesus answered:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind."

This is the first and most important commandment.

The second most important commandment is like this one.

And it is, 'Love others as much as you love yourself.'

All the Law of Moses and the Books of the Prophets
are based on these two commandments."



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The "To Do List"

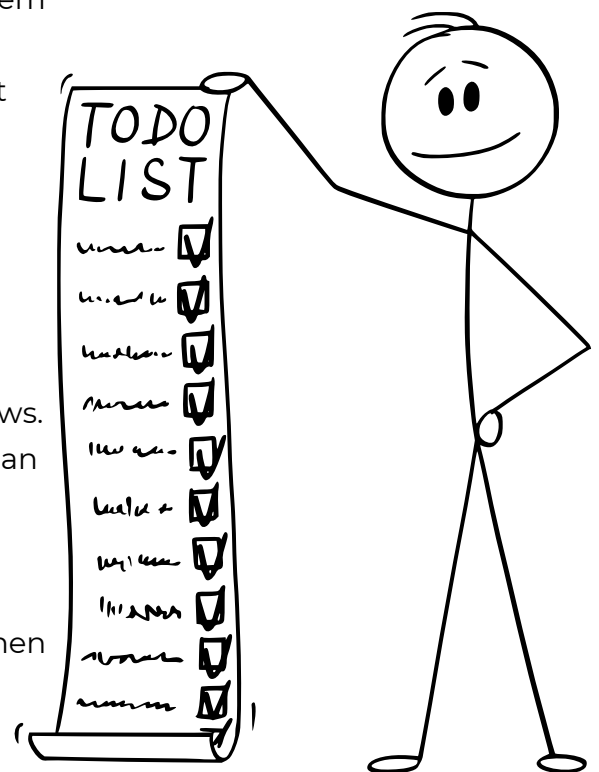


Introduction

- Jesus gave us two important laws to remember that sum up all the other laws.
- Have you ever had to remember a big list of things? It can be difficult!
- How many things do you think you can remember?

Message

- Back in the time of Jesus, there were many, many laws. People grew up learning them and studying them so that they could live as God asked them to.
- But sometimes people thought that the laws were more important than being friends with God and others. They forgot that the heart of all the laws was love.
- God sent Jesus so help people understand the heart was love.
- That's why Jesus gave us just two laws.
- Two laws are easier to remember than many laws.
- The two laws Jesus gave us are all about love.
- If we follow these two laws of love then we will follow all the others at the same time.



Discussion

- Read the two laws Jesus gave and ask the kids if they think these are easy to follow? Why? Why not?
- How would you know someone was following these laws? What sorts of things would they do or say?