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Family Take-home Devotions

March 10, 2024, Great Commandment
Mark 12:28-44

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.

Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Holy God, you have taught us what it is to live in community with one another in sacrificial love. Give us hearts for service so that all might have their needs met, and be freed to give back for the good of others and of all creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

"'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." **Mark 12:31**

Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

As Jesus is teaching in the Temple, a poor widow gives a generous donation to the treasury in a perfect example of the genuine, trust-building love that Jesus has been explaining to the scribes.

Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- **What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**
- **What is the greatest example of love you have seen from a leader? Did it inspire others to love or to take advantage?**
- **We are to love our neighbor as our self—but do you love yourself? In the same way God loves you? How would loving yourself more fully help you love others?**
- **For the littles: How do you show love? God loves you so much!!**

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May you feel truly loved by the God that asks you to love as you are loved. Amen.

Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Work on loving yourself as God loves you. Each day of the week, write at least one thing to love about yourself. Make a list for others in your household to share with them, too!

Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

Monday, Psalm 89:1-4, *Psalm*
Tuesday, Psalm 102:12-17, *Psalm*
Wednesday, Psalm 121, *Psalm*
Thursday, Psalm 116:12-19, *Psalm*
Friday, Psalm 22:1-2, 14-21, *Psalm*
Saturday, Deuteronomy 6:1-9, *The Great Commandment*