

# PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

## SUNDAY LITURGY



31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

3 November 2024 - Year B

***“Love the Lord your God.  
Love your neighbour.”***

### Something to Think About

How would you describe what a rule is? Why do we need rules?  
Can you name some rules in your family or school?

### The Story

One of the important men in the community asked Jesus what the most important commandment is. Jesus tells the people, 'You must love your neighbour as yourself. However Jesus took the command a little further. In its original context, 'neighbour' meant only the Jewish people. However, Jesus' mission is to everyone. The command is to love all people, not just our own kind.

### The Scriptures

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

**12:28-31**

One of the teachers of the Law of Moses came up while Jesus and the Sadducees were arguing. When he heard Jesus give a good answer, he asked him, "What is the most important commandment?"

Jesus answered, "The most important one says: 'People of Israel, you have only one Lord and God. You must love him with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.' The second most important commandment says: 'Love others as much as you love yourself.' No other commandment is more important than these."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Video

Click to watch the video and sing along:  
[You Shall Love](#)



## Group Discussion

Jesus told the people: Love God and love people. These two commandments were not new. What was new and a challenge was that Jesus put these two commandments together and said that one depends on the other. Loving God means that we have to love people.

## Praying For Others

*Leader:* Let us pray now for the leaders of our Church, our world, for those in our community and for our own needs.

*Reader 1:* We pray that we will love God with all our mind, heart, soul and strength. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Reader 2:* We pray that we may treat all those we meet with love and kindness. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Reader 3:* We pray for people who spend their lives helping others. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Reader 4:* We pray for those who are searching to know God. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Reader 5:* We pray that God will fill our hearts with joy and compassion. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions.*

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.

**All: Amen.**

## Prayer



Dear God,  
Help us to love you with all our  
mind and heart.  
Show us the way to love others as  
much as we love ourselves.  
Amen.

## Group Activity

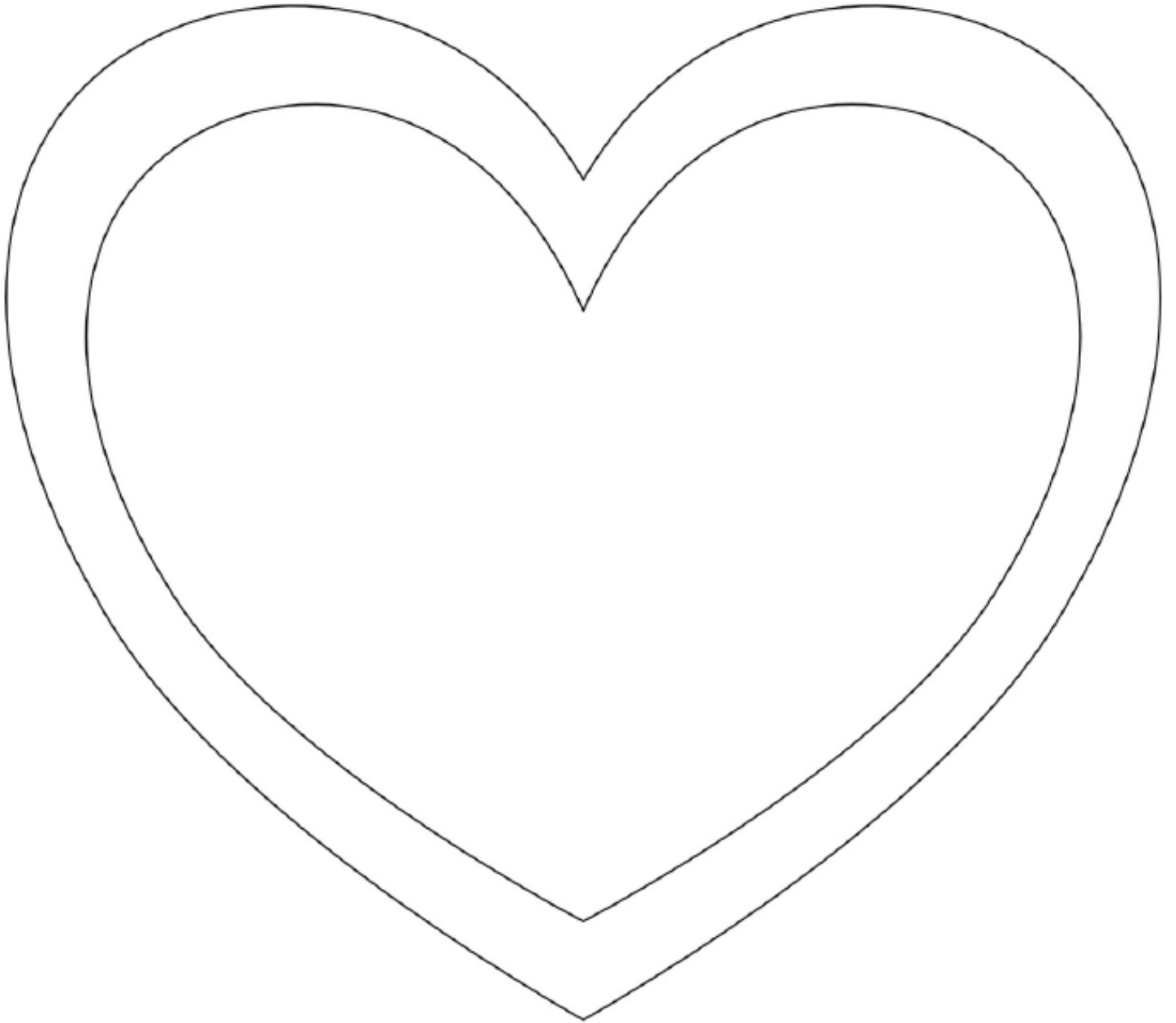
### HEART SUNCATCHER

*You will need: suncatcher template cut out for red cardstock for each child, clear contact, tissue paper of different colours, scissors, tape.*

1. Cut out the bigger heart and then the smaller heart, so that you have a heart shaped frame.
2. Cut tissue paper into small squares.
3. Cut a piece of contact paper slightly bigger than the heart frame. Peel off the contact paper backing and lay the heart frame on top of the contact paper.
4. Stick the tissue paper pieces inside the heart frame on the contact paper.
5. When finished, cut another piece of contact paper larger than the heart, peel off the backing and stick it on top of the heart to seal in the tissue paper pieces.
6. Trim the excess contact paper around the heart.
7. Hang the heart suncatcher in a window with tape to remind you to love God and love other people!.



*Love God and Love People*



*Heart Suncatcher*



THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

LOVE GOD + LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

Cut out some pieces of paper into heart shapes.

Use coloured pencils to write or draw some **LOVE LETTERS** to people you know.

I will send a letter to

- Grandma
- Grandpa
- Mum
- Dad
- Brother
- Sister
- Neighbour
- Friend

