

## **Family Worship Guide**

## Read

(Preschool families might find it helpful to read the only the bolded text)

<sup>25</sup> Then an expert in the law stood up to test [Jesus], saying, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life? "<sup>26</sup> "What is written in the law? "Jesus asked him. "How do you read it?" <sup>27</sup> He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind;" and "your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup> "You've answered correctly," he told him. "Do this and you will live." <sup>29</sup> But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

30 Jesus took up the question and said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him, beat him up, and fled, leaving him half dead. 31 "A priest happened to be going down that road. When he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 "In the same way, a Levite, when he arrived at the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 "But a Samaritan on his journey came up to him, and when he saw the man, he had compassion. 34 "He went over to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on olive oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 "The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him. When I come back I'll reimburse you for whatever extra you spend.' 36 "Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers? "37 "The one who showed mercy to him," he said. Then Jesus told him, "Go and do the same." (Luke 10:25-37 CSB)

**Preschool Takeaway:** Jesus wants us to love him and love others like He loves us. Being kind and helping others are ways to show love to others.

**Kids Takeaway:** The greatest thing we can do is to love God with everything and love others. By doing what God says in the Bible, we show our love for Him. We love others by what we do and say. How do you talk and act to others, nicely or hatefully, kindly or selfishly? How can you love others this week?

**Students Takeaway:** To love God with all of my emotions, strength and mind means that I am infatuated with everything about Him. Why is it so difficult to love Him like that? Short answer: Because we love other things more. We love our friends, video games, watching TV, sports (not so much now), money... The COVID-19 pandemic is only a season. Don't waste it! Make the most of your clear schedule to fall in love with the God of the universe, and let that love motivate you to love others sacrificially.

Love Your Neighbor: Walk around your neighborhood, praying for your neighbors as you walk.

## **Pray**

Ask God to give you a heart of love for your neighbor, praying for specific "neighbors" by name.

Sing

O, how I love Jesus! (3x)

Because he first loved me!

