



## Children's Liturgy 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday

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More resources can be found at

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy> and  
[https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/\\_uploads/www.rpbooks.co.uk/05\\_FaithMap\\_-25OT-toAdvent.pdf](https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/_uploads/www.rpbooks.co.uk/05_FaithMap_-25OT-toAdvent.pdf)

In the Gospel, Jesus reminds the people around him of two great commandments in the Old Testament. The scribe is doing what many Jews like to do - talking about their faith and trying to understand it better.

He is very pleased when Jesus quotes from the Book of Deuteronomy - one of the oldest books in the Bible. "You will love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength and love your neighbour as yourself."

Jesus sees that the scribe is beginning to understand what the kingdom of God is about.

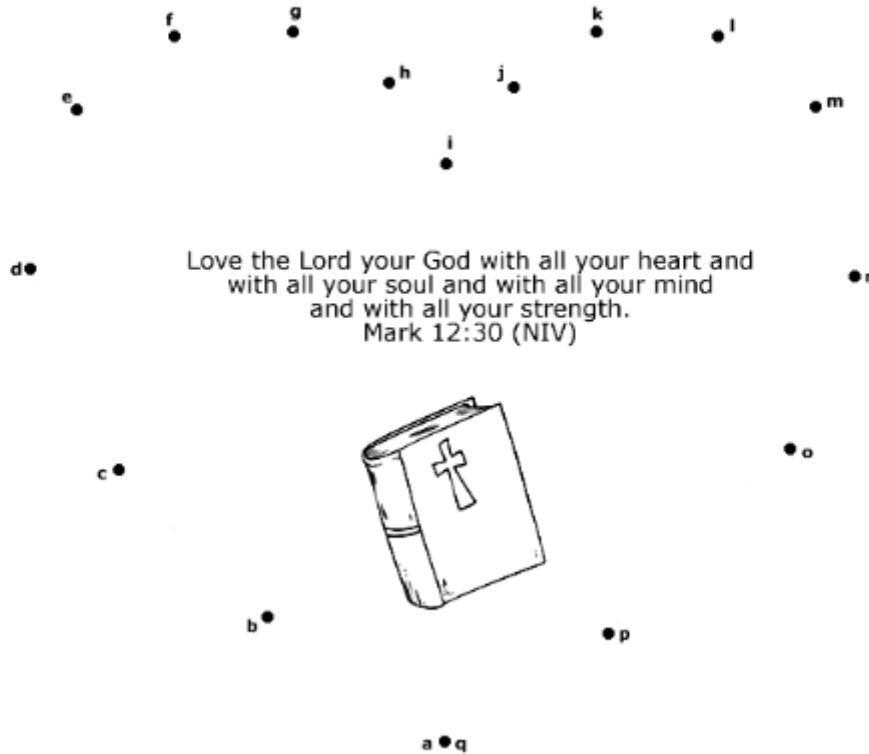
### Prayer

Lord Jesus, you give us two simple rules for living - to love God and to love each other.

Help us to be faithful to these commandments and build your kingdom of love. Amen.

# The Greatest Commandment

Mark 12:28-34



Fill in the blanks:

One of the teachers of the \_\_\_\_\_ came and heard them debating. Noticing that \_\_\_\_\_ had given them a good answer, he asked him, 'Of all the \_\_\_\_\_, which is the most \_\_\_\_\_?'

'The most important one,' answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord your God with all your \_\_\_\_\_ and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your \_\_\_\_\_.' The second is this: 'Love your \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_.' There is no commandment \_\_\_\_\_ than these."

commandments	heart	Jesus	Love	strength
greater	important	law	neighbor	yourself

Monday, the 1<sup>st</sup> of November sees an important Feast Day taking place: All Saints.

This is when we remember all the people who have lived their lives really well and who have died and gone to heaven. Let's also think about how we can follow their example and live our lives as God wants us to.

### Prayer

God of life, we give thanks for all the holy men and women who have lived throughout the world. Help us to live as you would like us to by showing love to all, bringing peace and always trying to do what is right. Amen.

There is a special Gospel message taken from Matthew 5:1-12 for us.

We hear Jesus telling us exactly what kind of person he wants us to be, and the kind of person that he has special love and care for.

Why not read it and try to remember what he says.

Here they are again - see if you can think of anyone who these remind you of:

Happy are the poor in spirit.

Happy are those who are sad.

Happy are the humble and gentle.

Happy are those who want to do what God asks of them.

Happy are those who show mercy to others.

Happy are the pure and good.

Happy are those who work for peace.

Happy are those who are laughed at, picked on or hurt because of what they believe.

We all know people who live like this - who really follow Jesus in their lives. It might be someone well known, who lots of people have heard of. Or it might be a friend or a family member. Let's just think quietly about them for a moment.

We know there have been lots of saints in our world too. People who have lived their lives as God has asked of them.

How many saints can you think of?

