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Love

BIG IDEA

Love your neighbour as you love yourself.

KEY VERSES

Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to love one another. If you love your neighbor, you will fulfill the requirements of God’s law. For the commandments say, “You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not covet.” These—and other such commandments—are summed up in this one commandment: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to others, so love fulfills the requirements of God’s law. *Romans 13:8–10 (NLT)*

LEADER TIP

Remind the students that God’s love for us is limitless and help them understand what this love means in their lives.

1 | Hangout

SUPPLIES

- None

INSTRUCTIONS

- Discuss:
 - Are you a rule follower? Why or why not?
 - What comes to mind when you think about love?
 - Who’s the most loving person you know? What do you think makes them that way?



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2 | Hear

SUPPLIES

- Bibles

INSTRUCTIONS

- Make sure everyone has access to a Bible.
- Guide the students to look up Exodus 20:1–17.
- Review the Ten Commandments together.
- Discuss:
 - What stands out to you in this passage?
 - Why do you think God gave these rules?
 - Do you feel like there are clear rules for following God today? Do you ever wish certain things were clearer?
- Explain that these commandments were only a small part of the Levitical law that the Israelite people followed. God set them apart as a nation and their conduct was supposed to be different from others.
- Ask the students to flip over to Romans 13:8–10.
- Let them know that this passage comes a long time after the one you read earlier. Jesus has brought in a new covenant, or a new way of living and following God. Paul is the author of this book. He was writing to a church in Rome.
- Read the verses together.
- Discuss:
 - What stands out to you from this passage?
 - In comparison to what we just read in Exodus, how has Paul's understanding of the law changed?
 - Do you think it's easier to have clear rules or be told to love people?
 - Why do you think it changed?

3 | Huddle

SUPPLIES

- None

INSTRUCTIONS

- Discuss:
 - Have you experienced the church as a loving place? Why or why not?
 - Do you think your friends would describe you as a loving person? How would your family describe you? How about strangers on the street?
 - If loving ourselves is the standard for which we are to love others, how are you doing?
- Ask the students if they have any requests for prayer. Pray together about what they've shared and discussed.