

Family Page



How do we show our love for others? By what we say, of course, but even more by what we do. In the same way, love for God implies commitment to the commandments, especially as summarized in the two great commandments of Jesus. This would be a good week to establish an examination-of-conscience habit for the children, something they can follow easily in the privacy of their own prayer time. The following questions will help them in their examination.

- 1 Was I loving in all my words and actions today?
- 2 Did I look for opportunities to do nice things for others?
- 3 Did I fail to do something that I should have done?
- 4 Did I thank God for the good things that happened?
- 5 Did I go out of my way to help one person?



The children can end their examination of conscience with a small, spontaneous prayer thanking God for the day, asking God's forgiveness for any small failures, and asking for help to do better tomorrow.

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 Answers to Loving Jesus: 1, 2, 7, 1
 Answer to mirror puzzle: LOVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART; LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.



explaining GOD'S WORD

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HOW TO SAY "I LOVE YOU, JESUS"

Jesus said, "[The one] who obeys my commandments is the one who loves me." If you hold this page up to a mirror, you will see Jesus' two great commandments.

Love God
 with all
 your heart
 Love your
 neighbor
 as yourself.



LOVE: DON'T JUST SAY IT, SHOW IT!

"I love Jesus with all my heart," Jenny told her Mom one day. "Every day I tell him so in my morning prayers. But how does Jesus really know how very much I love him?"

"Jenny," said her mother, "how do you know that I love you?" "Because you tell me so," said Jenny, "and because of all the loving things you do for me every day."

"Jesus knows you love him, Jenny, in much the very same way. By your little acts of kindness and the prayers that you say."



Jesus knows you love him by the way you obey his commands. And Jesus' two great commandments are easy to learn and fun to do.

"Love God with all your heart...Love your neighbor as yourself."

HERE'S how Jesus knows how much you love him. Because you tell him you love him in your prayers. Because you love other people too and help them all you can. Because you do the nicest things for everyone you know. Jesus knows you are loving him by obeying his command.

There's an added surprise from Jesus to you. For you see, he also said, "The one who loves me is loved by my Father too."

LOVING JESUS

Here are four children who love Jesus. They show their love by obeying Jesus' two great commandments.

Put a number 1 in the boxes with those children who are obeying the first great commandment: "You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your mind."

Put a number 2 in the boxes with those children who are obeying the second great commandment: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

