

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explains that a Commandment is a law God made for people to obey, and that we are called to love God and others.

God's Word



Read **Mark 12:28–31** to learn more about how Jesus wants us to love God.

Catholics Believe

- A Commandment is a law that God made for people to obey.
- The Great Commandment teaches that you are to love God above all else and love others as you love yourself.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #2052–2055 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Thomas of Villanova, a Spanish bishop whose generosity to the poor gave him the name, “Father of the Poor.”

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand the Great Commandment The concrete way of thinking that is characteristic of most children at this age may sometimes make it difficult for them to know how to love God, whom they cannot see, above all things. However, you can make this practical for your child by helping him or her understand that we show our love for God by talking with him and making the good choices he wants us to make. We also show love to God when we are kind and loving toward others.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

What is the greatest priority in your life?

Our first response would probably be family. Yet, Jesus said we must love God first then everything falls in order, including our relationships. “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (**Matthew 22:37–39**).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Have your child name one way he/she shows love to God and one way he/she shows love to others.
- Talk about why God's laws are important.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Thomas, help us care for people who don't have enough money and people who are hungry. Amen.



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