

READ MATTHEW 22:35-29

DAY 1

As big as the Bible is, it's hard to believe this, but almost every single commandment in the Bible can fit under one of just two commands Jesus gave: Love God, and love others. Think about all of the rules and advice the Bible gives: "Honor your father and mother." Where does that fit? Right, love others. "Don't have other gods"—you got it, love God. Even "rest on the Sabbath day" comes back to loving God, because we need to take a day of rest so we can worship Him and remember what's most important.

Break out your best art supplies and your neatest handwriting to make a cool sign that basically says the main rules of your house are to, #1 Love God and #2 Love others. Decorate it with your favorite colors and crafty stuff. Hang your "Rules of the House" picture somewhere that everyone in the house can see it.

(If crafts aren't your favorite thing, what about building one with LEGO blocks or even stuff from outside? You don't have to glue the words down, just take a picture and see if a parent will help you get it printed. Or you could save it as wallpaper on a computer or phone.)

THANK God for keeping it simple: Love Him and love others.

READ PSALM 92:2

DAY 2

It's one thing to say that only two things are really important, but our lives are really busy, aren't they? How do you stay calm and focused when things get crazy? One way is to start and end your day in prayer and even singing! He loves to hear us sing to Him, no matter where we are, and even if we don't think we have a great voice. The point isn't how we sound to each other, or to ourselves, but how we sound to God. And He thinks any song we sing to Him sounds GREAT!

This week, start and end one day by praying, then singing a song to God or listening to your favorite worship songs. It will help you start and end your day focused on the most important of all things—God. Then ask yourself if that day felt any different from your normal days when you don't start and end in prayer and praising God.

ASK God to help you keep your focus on loving Him throughout the day.

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7

DAY 3

Choosing to love isn't always easy. When you read 1 Corinthians 13, you see that love isn't about making US feel good; love is about others. The cool thing is, when we love others with everything we've got, we get so much in return. Unscramble the letters below to see why choosing to love is always the wise choice.

When we're patient, we gain _ _ _ _ _ . CPEEA

When we're kind, we gain _ _ _ _ _ . NDRSFEI

When we're humble, we won't _ _ _ _ _ ourselves with others. OPCRMEA

When we don't envy, we will be _ _ _ _ _ with what we have. PHPAY

When we are slow to anger, we won't make _ _ _ _ _ . ISEMNEE

LOOK for ways to choose love this week.

(Answers: Peace, Friends, Compare, Happy, Enemies)

READ 2 PETER 1:3

DAY 4

Take your map that you've been working on all summer, and draw a box somewhere near the word *wisdom*. Inside, write the two most important rules God gave us: Love God; love others. Use a highlighter, glitter, or something else bright and bold to draw attention on your map to these two important commands. Add some arrows.

Now take a look at your map. What you have in front of you is the road map to growing in the BASICS. Ask your parent to sit down with you and let you explain everything that is on your map and how each thing helps you grow in wisdom, faith, and friendship. You can always look back to this map to remind yourself that you have all you need to change the world around you. Make a special place in your room where you can store the map so it's ready to grab out and look at when you need a reminder of the BASICS!

KNOW that you have the BASICS to make the climb ahead of you!