

YEAR A

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I LOVE YOU

VISUAL AIDS

- > Pictures of a castle, of Moses with the Ten Commandments, of people helping others.
- > Heart shape cut-outs.

WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Say/sing together:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Fill our hearts, Lord,
with your love.
Alleluia!

A reading from the Good News
given to us by Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord.

Some people came to Jesus to try and trick him with this question, 'Of all the commandments, which one is the greatest?' Jesus replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is

DISCUSSION

What was the trick?
- to try and get Jesus to say one commandment was more important than another.

What did Jesus say?
- that we should keep all the commandments.

How?
- if we love God we will put him first;
- if we love others we will do nothing to harm or upset them.

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SHARING

Encourage the children to talk about the people they love most.

Who are they? Why do they love them?

Do they love strangers?

How do we show that we love someone?

When is it difficult to love?

To love, we must be strong.

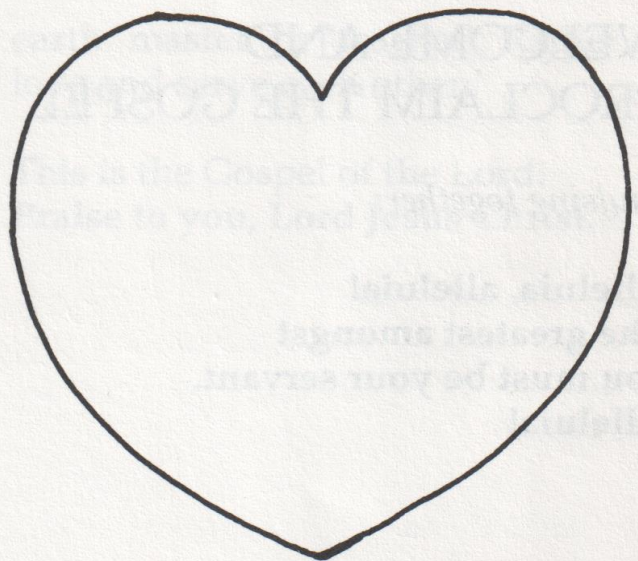
God's love for us is strong, as strong as a castle or fortress that nothing can destroy.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us how to be strong in love.

the first and the greatest commandment. And the second commandment is like it: you must love your neighbour as yourself.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



ACTIVITIES

The commandments God gave to Moses were written on stone, but they should be written on our hearts.

> Give out the heart shape cut-outs.

> Have the children write or draw on them how they want the love of God to fill their hearts, and how they will be extra loving to

someone in the coming week.