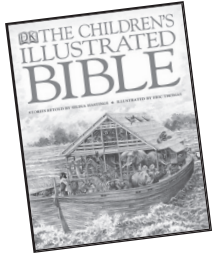


Sixth Sunday of Easter



The Children's Illustrated Bible
page 264–265

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—John 14:15 adapted

☐ Jesus Teaches Us to Love

Share the story of Jesus telling his disciples to follow his commandments. These are some of Jesus' final words to his disciples, given at the Last Supper in Jerusalem. Show the drawings on pages 264–265 from *The Children's Illustrated Bible*, and read John 14:15–21.

Jesus' greatest commandment was to love others, which is what Jesus always did. Ask: How did Jesus show love to others? (healed them, talked with them, told them about God, fed them, etc.)

Have kids use the chart on their KidsPage. Divide the kids into two teams. One team will read one of the Ten Commandments, given to Moses and the Israelite people, while the other responds with what commandment Jesus gave. If there's time, they can look up the scripture references. Discuss:

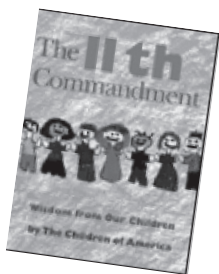
1. When are the commandments the same?
2. When are they different?
3. How are they different? Why?

Provide materials for kids to make banners of Jesus' commandments. Jesus' commandment was simpler than the Ten Commandments—to love God and to love others—but not necessarily easier. Have kids make one poster for each commandment, then write an idea underneath of how to follow that commandment.

☐ Team Jesus

Being on Jesus' team will make a winning season, because someone who believes in loving everyone is a true winner! Have kids form a team to follow Jesus. They may decorate caps, T-shirts, skateboards, pennants, and other items to show they are on Jesus' team. Discuss:

1. What will we do if we are on Jesus' team? (Whether we are playing sports, doing our homework, or whatever, we will always be honest, just, and loving.)
2. Who do we allow on our team? (Everyone who wants to join.)
3. What is our motto? (Love God and love others as yourself.)
4. What is the first thing we're going to do? (Play a ball game, go on a bike hike, paint a poster—whatever the kids want to do.)



☐ One More

If there were one more commandment, what do you think it should be? Share with kids *The 11th Commandment: Wisdom from Our Children*. On large sheets of construction paper, kids may write their eleventh commandment and illustrate it. Kids may display these in the congregation.

KidsPage

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Who do you ♥ ?

List their names:

- I ♥ _____
- I ♥ _____
- I ♥ _____
- I ♥ _____
- I ♥ _____
- I ♥ _____
- I ♥ _____
- I ♥ _____
- I ♥ _____

Give them each a big hug today!

Ten Commandments

Worship only God. <i>Exodus 20:3</i>
Don't worship idols. <i>Exodus 20:4</i>
Respect God's name. <i>Exodus 20:7</i>
Keep the Sabbath holy. <i>Exodus 20:8-10</i>
Love your parents. <i>Exodus 20:12</i>
Do not murder or cause harm. <i>Exodus 20:13</i>
Be faithful to your marriage. <i>Exodus 20:14</i>
Do not steal. <i>Exodus 20:15</i>
Do not lie about anything. <i>Exodus 20:16</i>
Do not want what others have. <i>Exodus 20:17</i>

Jesus Said

Worship only God. <i>Matthew 4:10</i>
Don't serve two masters. <i>Luke 16:13</i>
Respect God's name. <i>Matthew 5:34</i>
The Sabbath is for people. <i>Mark 2:27</i>
Love me more than your parents. <i>Matthew 10:37</i>
Do not even be angry with anyone.— <i>Matthew 5:22</i>
Be faithful in your mind and heart. <i>Matthew 5:28</i>
If your coat is taken, give your cloak too.— <i>Matthew 5:40</i>
Do not speak carelessly. <i>Matthew 12:36</i>
Do not want what others have. <i>Luke 12:15</i>