

Overview

| Session | Bible text and story summary | Purpose statement | Fratelli Tutti |
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| Love God and Your Neighbor | Mark 12:28-34 Jesus speaks of the importance of loving God and loving neighbors. | To discover Jesus' instructions to love God and neighbor | #56-86 |
| 2 Who Is My Neighbor? | Luke 10:25-37 Jesus tells the story of a traveler who is wounded by robbers. The one who stops to help, who shows mercy, is the one we are to imitate. | To recognize what it means to be a good neighbor | #56-86, 101-105, 165-166 |
| 3 Live Peacefully | Genesis 26:12-33 Isaac's neighbors become jealous of his prosperity. Isaac moves to a new location so that he will not be in conflict with his neighbors. The king recognizes that God is with Isaac. | To think about living peacefully with neighbors | #225-254 |
| 4 Everyone Is Invited! | Luke 14:15-24 Jesus tells a story about a banquet to which those who are invited do not attend. Instead, the servants go out on the streets and invite those who had originally been excluded. | To understand that everyone is included as neighbors and invited to God's table | #61-62, 87-100 |
| 5 Share with Others | Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37 The early church worships and prays together. They eat together and share material goods with those who need help, making sure that everyone's needs are met. | To see an example of sharing God's gifts with church communities and neighbors | #61-62, 118-120, 271-280 |

Bible memory

Grades K–5; 6–8 will learn Mark 12:28b-31.

- Day 1: "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one.'" —Mark 12:28b-29
- Day 2: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." —Mark 12:30
- **Day 3:** "The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." —Mark 12:31
- Days 4 & 5: "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." —Mark 12:28b-31

Early childhood Bible memory:

Love the Lord your God. Love your neighbor as yourself. --Mark 12:30, 31, adapted