

Lesson plan

Main Point: Love is the first commandment.

Basic Idea: If you love others, you fulfill the laws.

How we get there: "the one who loves his brother abides in the Light."

Start out with the activity (see below) as a springboard to explaining that love "holds all the commands together":

Examine Romans 13:10

1. When we love others, we obey God's commands.
2. .We don't love people like we should.
3. But Jesus loves us so much He died for us!

This one may be a little tricky. We want to help them see that by loving other people, they will be obeying all that Jesus commanded. However, we don't want to give them the impression that they can love people all the time, and thus be pleasing to God on our own. That's why we'll remind them that Jesus loved us so much that He died for us!

Activity:

Do You Love Your Neighbor

Have the children form a circle in chairs. Have one student stand in the middle of the circle (and remove his chair...so that there is one less chair than children). The person in the middle asks others "Do you love your neighbor?" If the child in the chair answers, "Yes," then the child standing simply moves on to another child.

However, if the child says, "No" then the one standing asks, "What kind of neighbors do you love?" The child seating (who said no) then picks some feature (neighbors wearing shoes, neighbors wearing blue, neighbors who are boys, etc). Any child that has that feature must get up and move to a different chair. The child standing tries to sit in one of the seats while kids are scrambling. Whoever does not find a seat is now the child in the middle.

(If this doesn't make sense in writing...simply contact me, I can explain it pretty easily in person.)

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1 John 2:7-11 October 21, 2007



2:26-27

2:22-23

2:19-20,24-25

2:18

2:15-17

2:12-14

2:7-11

2:3-6

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1:5-10

1 Jn 1:1-4