

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!

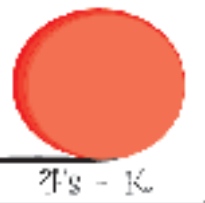
Activity:

Rope and Circle

Have each child wear a tag that states one of the commandments. Have each of them hold a rope (which stands for love) and form a circle. Once in the circle have them march around, making the circle rotate.

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