



# Growing FAITH at home

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The most important commandment



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## CONVERSATIONS

Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

1. Who loves you? How do they show you their love?
2. How do you show others that you love them?
3. God wants each of us to love him with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength. What does this look like?



## BIBLE READINGS

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.  
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

<b>S</b>	<b>Mark 12:28-34</b>	Love God and neighbour
<b>M</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 6:1-9</b>	Reciting God's word
<b>T</b>	<b>Hebrews 9:11-14</b>	Jesus frees us to worship God
<b>W</b>	<b>Leviticus 19:1-18</b>	Love your neighbour as yourself
<b>T</b>	<b>Romans 13:8-14</b>	Love fulfills the law
<b>F</b>	<b>James 2:1-13</b>	Warning against having favorites
<b>S</b>	<b>Psalms 119:1-8</b>	The glory of God's law

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
and with all your soul, and with all your mind,  
and with all your strength and love your  
neighbour as yourself."

MARK 12:30-31



## CREATIVE RESPONSE

Cut out heart-shaped pieces of paper.

As part of your home devotion time this week, share ways in which you have been led to show love for God and your neighbour (others) during the day and ways in which you have experienced God's love from others.

Write responses onto the paper hearts.

Post them on the doorframes in your home.

Write out the words from Deuteronomy to learn and recite this week too.



## ACTION RESPONSE

Loving your neighbour is a central way to live out your faith and to love God.

Christian love is not simply an emotion. It is a commitment to act on behalf of the needs of others. In both the Old and New Testaments, loving your neighbour includes loving those who could be considered your enemy (Leviticus 19:34; Matthew 5:44; Luke 10:29-37).

Choose someone who you would not consider your friend and yet needs God's love and your love.

Find a way to love that person with a smile, a kind word or message, or some other act that conveys care and concern.



## MEALTIME PRAYER

Bless this meal,  
O God, we pray,  
and bless us too  
all through the day.  
Keep us safe and  
close to you, and  
kind in all we say  
and do. Amen.



## PRAYER

Lord, help us to  
love you today  
with our heart,  
soul, mind and  
strength. Amen.



## BLESSING

May God grant you  
faith to love the Lord  
with all your heart,  
and with all your  
soul, and with all  
your might.