

Children's Church at Home 25 October 2020

Matthew 22:34-45 Love the Lord your God

Craft ingredients: a pencil, scissors, sellotape, ribbon or string, a foil tray or pie dish, a straw or long pencil or skewer.

Introduction: have you done your cycling proficiency? If you have, you've learned part of the highway code. That's the list of rules for people who use the roads, in cars, lorries, buses, on a bike or a horse! What other activities have important rules?

Story: Matthew 22:34-45

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+22%3A34-45&version=ERV>

Video: https://youtu.be/db-IE_f2U5I (This is actually a video of a similar episode in Mark's Gospel.)

Fun song with actions: <https://youtu.be/M4WygilFual>

Quiz: who was Jesus talking to? what were they experts in? What did they ask him? What was Jesus' answer? Jesus asked them a question. What was it?

Think: were these people trying to trick Jesus, do you think? Can you remember the words Jesus used in his reply? Do you think he made them up? What do they mean? Can you think of synonyms for *heart*, *soul*, and *strength*? Do you think the people who were trying to trick Jesus loved God like that? What about their neighbours? Neighbours isn't just the people who live next door. It's all people, including people we don't know and people who do things differently from us. And did Jesus have a difficult question for them?

Craft: Make a mobile to remind us of Jesus' most important rules.

Activity: Play the yes and no game. Ask lots of questions, as casually as you can, to try to make the other person say yes or no. this is great fun if you just do it as part of the general conversation. It's much easier to catch people out that way!

Prayer: Loving Jesus, teach us to love you with our whole being, essence, nature, spirit, passion, power, courage and bravery. Show us how, by accepting what we are like, your children, we can share your love with everyone else, and love our neighbour as ourselves. Please bless all our family and friends and our classmates and teachers. Amen.

The Grace: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore. Amen.