

ACTIVITY FOR ORDINARY TIME

Concentrating on Love

Scripture Focus: Luke 10:25-37 The children will uncover Jesus' message about showing love for God, our neighbor, and ourselves.

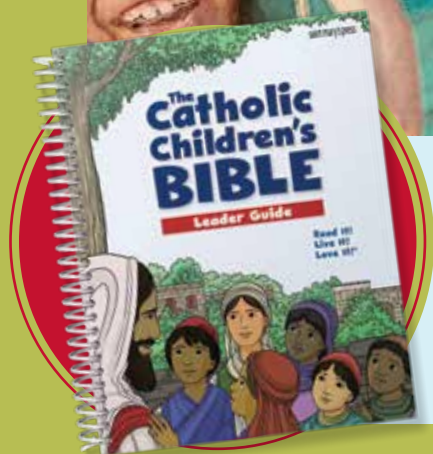
Gather the following items: thirty blank index cards; thirty index cards with the words from Luke 10:27, one word on each card; card chart; crayons or markers; and drawing paper

Let's Look It Up! After playing the game for this activity, you may want to have the children open *The Catholic Children's Bible* to the Gospel of Luke in the New Testament. Direct them to find chapter 10, verses 25-37. Explain that this Gospel story is the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Jesus told this story to teach us about loving God, ourselves, and our neighbor.

Activity

1. Invite the children to play a concentration/matching game. Before class, prepare word cards that contain the words from Luke 10:27: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind"; and 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.'" Have one word written on each card to make thirty word cards in all. Place these cards facedown in correct word order in a card chart or on the surface of a desk or table. The message should stay hidden from the children's view until they begin to make matches.

2. Distribute two blank index cards and some crayons or markers to each child. Depending on the size of the class, you may need to give one card to every child and then pair up the remaining children to work together. Invite the children to draw the same design, shape, or picture on two cards (geometric shapes, faces, nature, etc.).
3. When the children have finished their designs, collect the picture cards. Shuffle the cards to mix up the order. Then ask the children to help you put the cards in the chart or on the flat surface. Invite them to place the cards randomly, facedown, over the hidden message cards already in the chart. After all the cards have been placed, invite the children, one at a time, to pick two picture cards (top cards). If the cards match, that child may reveal the words under those cards. If the cards do not match, the child places them back as originally found.
4. After all the matches have been found, invite the class to read together the message that has been uncovered. At this time, you may direct the children to refer to their Bibles to read the entire Gospel passage.



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