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Catechist Tips: The Great Commandment

For the author of the Gospel according to Luke, there is nothing particularly complicated or mysterious about the path to salvation.

- Jesus simply tells the man who came to him with the question about salvation to do what he himself already knows he should do: love God above everything else, and love others as he loves himself.
- These two instructions constitute what is often called the Great Commandment.

Catechist Tips: Reaching All Learners—Gifted

First graders who are gifted in reading and writing may feel held back by the slower pace of the rest of the group. Engage gifted students by inviting them to assist you in reading aloud or writing on the board, and by encouraging them to serve as mentors to other children.

Catechist Tips: Unjust Behavior

Unjust Behavior

Perhaps you are noticing that some children are being ignored, teased, or even bullied.

- Call attention to this unacceptable behavior without calling attention to those who are at fault.
- Use the Great Commandment to lead the children to correct the behavior.

Catechist Tips: Dramatization of Loving Others

You will need: cue cards with the following phrases:

all your heart
all your being

*all your strength
all your mind*

In place of the adapted Scripture reading in the Student Edition, use the following dramatization: Prepare a child ahead of time to be the man in the Gospel story, and to be ready to ask the question,

What should I do to be happy with God forever?

Organize the rest of the group into four sections and give each section one of the cue cards.

Begin the reading by saying: **A reading from the Gospel according to Luke:**

Read aloud the parts of the Narrator and Jesus.

Point to each group as their turn comes up in the reading.

Conclude the Gospel by saying: **The Gospel of the Lord.**

(See Luke 10:25-28)

Glossary Activity: Great Commandment

The Great Commandment is the law that tells you to love God above all else and to love others the way you love yourself. Use a graphic organizer to help the children understand how we live the Great Commandment.

- On the board or chart paper, draw the graphic organizer.
- Use the drawing to explain to the children the connection between love of God and love of neighbor.

Additional Activity: Acting

Children love to play different roles, especially the role of grown-ups.

- Allow various volunteers to act out the story of Brooke and her mother by making up their own conversation.
- Suggest other types of situations for them to role-play, such as picking up toys or helping with jobs around the house.

Additional Activity: Showing Love

Have the children write or tell short stories about showing love for God and others.

- Ask the children to choose a picture from one of the pages in Chapter 8 as a prompt. Have the children imagine that the picture they choose is an illustration for their story.

Additional Activity: Act It Out

Have the children role-play ways to show love for God and others.

- Ask the children to choose partners to prepare their role-plays.
- Challenge the children to include nonverbal as well as verbal signs of love.

Additional Activity: Learn by Singing

Research has shown that people learn material better when it is set to music.

- Because the children need to think about ways they can show love, the song they sing is a learning experience.
- Encourage the children to make up gestures to accompany the song. They can do this in class or at

