

Listen carefully to the Bible reading.

This week and for the next two weeks we are going to be thinking about a new topic. It is one word with 4 letters.

But the letters have gone missing! A letter is hiding somewhere on each page. Can you find them?

Can you imagine if you were a Christian - **BUT** you were the only one?!

But we can thank God - he has put other people in our lives!

We can thank him for our families.

We can thank him for our friends.

And we can thank him for our church family.

So we are going to be thinking for these 3 weeks about how we are to love one another.

But this week we are going to start with:

our **love for God**.

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Can you find Deuteronomy 6 verse 5 in your Bible?

This verse is a **commandment**

God's people are commanded to _____
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1 The Greatest Commandment

In which part of the Bible is the book of Deuteronomy?
Circle the correct answer:

Old
Testament

New
Testament

But when Jesus came, he spoke about this commandment too. He said it was the _____ commandment!
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In which part of the Bible do we find Jesus' teaching? Use a different colour to circle your answer above.

God is the greatest and most wonderful of all.
We were created to love him!

2 A Whole-Life Commandment

What does our verse in Deuteronomy tell us we are to love God with? There are 3 things.

Draw a picture for each one on the next page.

with all your...	and all your...	and all your...
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But what does this mean? Match the descriptions below to the three words.

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| | | We love God with... |
| heart | • | • ...who we are inside - the centre of our being |
| soul | • | • ...our feelings |
| might | • | • ...with the things we <u>do</u> , actively |

Read Deuteronomy 6v5 again.

We should love God with how much of our hearts, soul and might? _____

Can you see - this commandment tells us to love God with our **whole lives!**

With **everything we are!**

3 How Do We Love Him?

To start with, we can't love God unless we know his love.

It's actually God who loved us first! Can you think of any ways God had shown his love for us?

This is what it says in John chapter 4 verse 19:

"We love because he first loved us"

The greatest way he has shown his love was by sending his son to die in our place! E

Wow - that is an amazing love!

Also, loving God means loving his words

His words are the words he has given us in the Bible - the whole Bible!

We can love God by reading it and knowing him better.

Finally, loving God means obeying him. We sometimes go wrong with this don't we? But God still loves us! And with his help we can learn to obey him and love him more.

"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."

Deuteronomy 6v5