

Sunday School Live Lesson

March 1, 2026

Loving God, Loving Others

Mark 12:28-34; James 2:14-17

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Questions for Us Today

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How do you feel about the Ten Commandments?

What are you doing with your faith?

Sunday School Lesson Objective

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To understand and internalize God's messages for us today through these passages of Scripture, regarding love and faith in action.

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Points of Information – Mark

Mark's first name was John. John Mark was not one of the Twelve Disciples. He was a protégé of Peter.

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Mark was a co-laborer (for a period of time) with the Apostle Paul. They had a disagreement but later reconciled.

Points of Information – Mark

It is generally accepted that the Gospel according to Mark was the first one written.

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The other Synoptic Gospels – Matthew and Luke – were significantly influenced by the writing of Mark.

Points of Information – James

James, a son of Mary, was a half-brother of Jesus. In his humility, James identifies himself as a servant – not as a brother – of our Lord Jesus, the Christ. James 1:1.

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James was not one of the original Twelve Disciples. He is not to be confused with another James who was a Disciple, a son of Zebedee and a brother of (another Disciple) John.

Points of Information – James

After initially not believing in the divinity and ministry of Jesus, James became a major leader in the early Christian church in Jerusalem. Acts 15:13-21; Galatians 2:9.

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The letter written by James – through the aid of the Holy Spirit – was aimed at early Jewish Christians.

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Lesson Context – Mark 12

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In Chapter 11 of the Gospel according to Mark, Jesus drove the money changers and merchants out of the Temple in Jerusalem.

These people should not have used His Father's House of prayer for making money.

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Lesson Context – Mark 12

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In today's passage, Jesus is teaching in the Temple.

Mark 12:28 [NIV]

One of the teachers of the Law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked Him, “Of all the Commandments, which is the most important?”

Mark 12:29 [NIV]

“The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One.’”

Mark 12:30 [NIV]

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’

Mark 12:31 [NIV]

“The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no Commandment greater than these.”

Mark 12:32 [NIV]

“Well said, teacher,” the man replied.
“You are right in saying that God is one
and there is no other but Him.

Mark 12:33 [NIV]

To love Him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

Mark 12:34 [NIV]

When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, He said to him, “**You are not far from the Kingdom of God.**” And from then on no one dared ask Him any more questions.

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Lesson Context – James 2

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In the earlier Verses of this Chapter, James lectured the gathering regarding mercy, judgment, and the sin of favoritism.

Now, he's spoken about putting our faith to work.

James 2:14 [NIV]

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?

James 2:15 [NIV]

Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food.

James 2:16 [NIV]

If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?

James 2:17 [NIV]

In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

Remember these things:

It is most important that we love God,
Who loved us first.

It is critically important that we love
one another.

It is important for us to put our faith
into action.