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**Gospel: Matthew 22:34–40**

“One day a lawyer who belonged to a group called Pharisees, asked Jesus this question: ‘Teacher, what is the greatest commandment in the law?’ Jesus said, ‘You must love God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and most important commandment. And the second one is like it - you must love your neighbour just as you love yourself.’”

*This is the Good News of the Lord.*


**Food For Thought:**

Did you know that people who belong to the Islamic faith are taught that forgiveness is very important too? Jesus calls us to make peace with people we are angry with. In the same way, Muslims are taught that they should always forgive people that they are in conflict with because all people make mistakes. There are also many other similarities between the Islamic faith, other world religions and our own that you may not know about! Check out this website that lets you explore a few of the major world religions!

http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/religion/Islam.htm

**What Do You Think?**

1. What do you think it means when Jesus tells us to love your neighbours as yourself?

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2. In what ways do you think that you can show God that you love him? Write down some ideas!

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Activity: God's Maze
As you work your way through this maze, write the first letter of each picture inside the circles. Then write the letters in order on the blanks! They will spell what God is and what God wants us to be, too!


Brainstorm:
What are some ways that you can love your neighbour? Who does your neighbour include? Sometimes it is hard to do this, but Jesus is telling us that he wants to try anyways! Come up with some ideas for how you can love others. Head to Luke 10:25-37 and read about the Good Samaritan. What do you think this has to do with loving your neighbour?

"...for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit..."

1 Thessalonians 1:6
Inside Scoop: What Is Ordinary Time?

For many weeks in the Youth Bulletin, you may notice that each week we are in another week called Ordinary Time. This week, if you look at the top, we are in the 30th week of Ordinary Time! Ordinary Time is not the incarnation (Christmas) cycle of time or the paschal season (Easter) of time. Ordinary Time is the rest of the time in the Church. You may remember this from Children's Program - and you will probably remember the picture that you see below! Can you try and see which colour on the picture is for what time in the Church? Which colour is for Ordinary time? This time is far from ordinary in the usual sense of the word. It is ordinary compared to the great times when we celebrate Christ's coming into the world and Christ's resurrection from the dead. Ordinary time is the everyday life of the Christian. In everyday life we become closer to God by thinking about the Father, Son, and Spirit, Mary and the Saints, our vocation, and all the other aspects of daily life! What do you know about Ordinary Time?

"The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my redeemer..."
Psalm 18