



Twenty-first Sunday
after Pentecost

October 25, 2020

Matthew 22:34-46

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

Just God, your law is simple yet difficult: to love you and others. Give us grace to live your will through our lives and be walking examples of your compassion on earth, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.



Read: Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Matthew 22:36-39)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

The Pharisees try one last time to trap Jesus in a question. But the tables are turned for the last time. What law lives above all others? Love God and love one another.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household or community.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

Who is your neighbor? Who do you consider not your neighbor? How could you work toward loving the people that you disagree with or that scare you?

For the littles: Which is easier: to hate or to love? Which feels better?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God send a neighbor to love you. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

If you go trick-or-treating this week, share your candy with others. If you receive trick-or-treaters, be a generous giver. If you do neither, pray for the safety of the kids who will be out on Halloween night. Post a sign that you are a safe home for lost or endangered kids.



Go Deeper: Go to bit.ly/daily-devotions-rcl for the daily readings!

Monday, Psalm 119:41-48; Numbers 33:38-39; James 2:8-13

Tuesday, Psalm 119:41-48; Exodus 34:29-35; James 2:14-26

Wednesday, Psalm 119:41-48; Deut. 26:16-27:7; Matthew 19:16-22

Thursday, Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Joshua 1:1-11; Romans 2:17-29

Friday, Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Joshua 2:1-14; 2 Peter 2:1-3

Saturday, Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Joshua 2:15-24; Matthew 23:13-28