

Chapter 5 ***God's Law***

Love God with all your heart.

Matthew 22:37

To the Parent:

In chapter 5 your child learned to:

- Explore the purpose of rules and laws
- See the commandments as ways to love God and others
- Discover ways to follow the commandments

Most of us are familiar with the passage of Moses on Mount Sinai receiving the Ten Commandments on stone tablets. This image expresses the belief that God's laws are literally "written in stone" and are therefore concrete and absolute. Jesus reminded people of the right way to look at God's laws. For Christians as for Jews, the Ten Commandments are the very least that can be done to bring about God's kingdom of justice, peace and love. Jesus says that to seek perfection it is necessary to discover the spirit of the Law, and to love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:39).

With Your Child:

1. Make up a list of two or three rules that your family will work to follow this week.
2. Talk about the rules your family has. Talk about how these rules are a good way to live. How are these rules a like a gift.
3. Read about Saint Benedict on the Review and Explore page.