

4TH/5TH GRADE

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OTHERS SECOND**

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CENTENARY

Memory Verses for the 4th/5th Grade Romans 13:8-10

1989 NRSV

“Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.”

What is I AM 3RD?

I AM 3RD is based on a simple belief that Jesus Christ is first, others are second, and I am third.

We strongly believe that Jesus Christ is the most important person in our lives. (Matthew 25:40)

Do our best in everything: We want to work at everything with all our hearts, as if we are working for the Lord.

(Colossians 3:23-24)

Studying Scripture: We believe all Scripture is God-breathed (from God) and is useful for teaching, correcting, and training in goodness, so that through studying Scripture we may be equipped (ready) for every good work.

It is our prayer that we would gain a deeper understanding of what it means to follow Christ through our weekly devotions and times of prayer, in order to help us learn more about Jesus Christ and His importance in our lives.

(2 Timothy 3:16-17)

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Week 1:

“Owe no one anything, except to love one another...”

This soccer season we will memorize Romans 13:8-10. This passage summarizes all of the ethical commandments of the Old Testament into one law of love. Paul says we should not owe anyone anything except for our love. He is reminding us that we should not be in a habit needing to make up for mistakes we made. Instead, we should be focused on loving one another. Our faith is ultimately about love. After all, the Apostle John reminds us that “God is love” (1 John 4:8). As we grow to be more like God we grow in our love for others.

Questions:

What does it mean for God to be love?

Memory Verse:

“Owe no one anything, except to love one another...”



Week 2:

“...for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.”

The idea of “the law” comes up a lot in the Bible. The law was introduced in the Old Testament to the people of Israel. It was given to them by God so that they would know how to follow Him. While what we call “the law” is covered throughout the books of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy, a central part of the law that you might be familiar with is the Ten Commandments. When we genuinely love people like God loves us, we fulfill each detail of the law.

Questions:

How can you grow your love for someone?

Memory Verse:

“Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.”





Week 3:

The commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet...’”

The group of Ten Commandments Paul lists here are all things we should not do. It is really helpful to know what you should not do.

Like a good parent, God warns us to stay away from things that hurt others and ourselves. However, God gives us so much more than a list of what not to do. God wants us to be people of love. You do not show someone you love them just by not being mean or hurtful. When you love someone, you want to spend time with them, to help them, to share what you have and more! God gives us a broad, but active task when He calls us to be people of love.

Questions:

How can you show someone you love them?

Memory Verse:

“Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet...”



Week 4:

“...and any other commandment, are summed up in this word...”

Each commandment contained in the Old Testament can be summarized in the Law of Love. It may sound like good news that we don't have to memorize each one of the 613 commandments in the Old Testament, but being people of love is not easy. People are complicated, we can be selfish, bitter, and all sorts of nasty things. How do we love people well even in their messiness? There is no one answer. We have to be creative. We may even have to think through even more than 613 possibilities of how best to love someone! While the specifics may range from person to person, the goal remains the same, God calls us to be people of love.

Memory Verse:

“Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word...”

Week 5:

“Love your neighbor as yourself...”

You have probably heard this part of our memory verse before. Sometimes when we hear a phrase a bunch of times we can lose track of how significant it is. So we should ask the question, what does it look like to love someone in the same way you love yourself? It requires that we are not selfish. To love someone as you love yourself is to want someone else to succeed as much as you want to. To want someone else to be as happy as you want to be. To want someone else to be as loved as you hope to be. God’s desire for us is to want what is best for others before consider ourselves in every area of our lives.

Memory Verse:

“Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.”



Week 6:

“Love does no wrong to a neighbor...”

When you love someone you don't want to hurt them. Unfortunately, it often the people we are closest to who we hurt the most. As we creatively learn to love our neighbors as God loves them, we will make mistakes. Part of loving people is being able to apologize when you wrong them and to seek forgiveness. This keeps us from forming habits in our heart of anger, and bitterness toward people we hurt or people who hurt us. God is always willing to forgive your sins. Part of loving others as God loves them is being able to forgive them when they hurt you. This can be really hard sometimes, but forgiveness is a powerful act of sacrificial love that Jesus models for us in his death on the cross for our sins. Forgiveness is an essential part of loving people as God loves them.

Questions:

How do you forgive someone? How do you seek forgiveness from someone you've hurt?

Memory Verse:

“Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor...”



Week 7:

“...therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.”

The Law of Love fulfills the law. As Christians, the Law of Love is an essential part of who we are and what we do. Fulfilling the Law of Love can be difficult, and it is not always fun to be a person of love. Nevertheless, it is an incredibly fulfilling law to live by. Our culture has done a poor job of modeling any forms of love that are not romantic. As Christian we should enjoy deep and meaningful friendships, beautiful interactions with strangers and fulfilling relationships with our family as we fulfill the law by becoming people of love in the image of our Creator.

Questions:

How can you show your friends you love them this week? How about your family?

Memory Verse:

“Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.”



Week 8:

This soccer season we memorized Romans 13:8-10 also known as the Law of Love. We learned how we are called by God to be people of love. This means we will play an active role in seeking what is best for others even before ourselves. We will be people who forgive and seek forgiveness. And we will be people who value and form meaningful relationships with our friends and family. Learning to love our neighbor is a lifelong task. We are so proud of you for memorizing this passage as a step toward continuing growth in your love of God and others.

Memory Verse:

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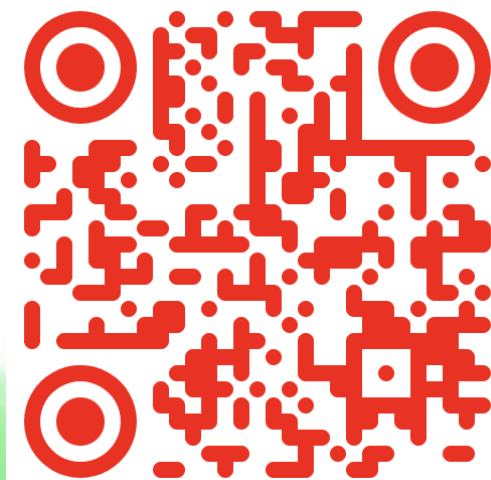
Great work! You have memorized the whole passage for this soccer season!



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