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CENTENARY

Memory Verse for the 5 yo Deuteronomy 6:4-6

1989 NRSV

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.”

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:

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God...”

This soccer season we will memorize Deuteronomy 6:4-6.

This passage is frequently called “the Greatest Commandment.” It is called the greatest because this small passage summarizes the message of the Old Testament. God chose the people of Israel, and God has chosen us. He has decided to walk with us, love us, and take care of us. This was not something that He had to do. He chose us! In turn, we should choose to follow, and love God.

Questions:

How does it make you feel to know that God chose you?

Memory Verse:

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God...”



Week 2:

“...the Lord alone...”

God wants to be the first priority in our lives. We should not place anything, or anyone before Him. This is what I Am 3rd is all about. We put God first, others second, and ourselves third. This list keeps us on track with how the Bible believes we should order our lives. When God alone is placed first in our lives, we will be better at loving others and even caring for ourselves.

Questions:

What are some things that we might put before God?

Memory Verse:

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone...”





Week 3:

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart...”

We should love God with all our heart. In the Old Testament, the heart is used to describe our thoughts and feelings. Our thoughts and feelings can be hard to control. But love is more than a feeling. Love is a choice we make everyday. We choose to love and be faithful to God because He chose to love and be faithful to us. Even when we may not feel like it, we should do things that help us grow our love for God.

Questions:

What are some ways to help grow your love for God?

Memory Verse:

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart...”



Week 4:

“...and with all your soul...”

Your soul is the innermost part of who you are. Sometimes we keep secrets from people, or we feel like we have parts of ourselves we don't want to share. God already knows us, but sometimes we even want to hide from Him. In the story of Adam and Eve, they tried to hide from God after they ate the forbidden fruit. When God found them, they were afraid to be honest with God about their sin. God wants us to be open and honest with Him and not try to hide ourselves. He wants us to love Him with our soul.

Questions:

How can you be more open with God?

Memory Verse:

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul...”

Week 5:

“...and with all your might...”

Our heart and our soul are inner parts of who we are. Our might is our physical strength. God wants us to love Him with all that we are. Our heart, our soul, and even the strength of our bodies. We can love God with our might through serving others and working hard at everything we do for God’s glory. In each part of our lives we are called to fully love God.

Questions:

What is one way you can love God with your might?

Memory Verse:

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might...”





Week 6:

“Keep these words that I am commanding you today...”

As we start to reach the end of our memory verse for the season, we are told to keep these words we are memorizing. Loving God with all that you are is not an easy thing to do. We cannot figure all of this out in a day or a week or even a year. Just like any other relationship learning to love God takes time. Through memorizing Scripture, prayer, and going to church we can continue to learn how to better love God with all of our heart, soul, and might.

Questions:

How can you keep growing in your love for God?

Memory Verse:

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today...”

Week 7:

“...in your heart.”

On week four we talked about how the heart is used in the Old Testament to describe our thoughts and feelings. When we keep something in our heart, we take it with us wherever we go. It is our sincere hope at IAM3rd that by memorizing these verses you will be able to keep them in your heart for the rest of your life. As you keep these verses in your heart and think on them day by day, they will help you continue to grow in your love of God.

Questions:

Why do you think it is important to memorize Bible verses?

Memory Verse:

Hear, “O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.”

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



Week 8:

This soccer season we memorized Deuteronomy 6:4-6. This passage reminds us to love God with all that we are and not keep any part of ourselves from Him. We love Him with all our heart. That is our thoughts and feelings. We love Him with all our soul. We keep no part of ourself hidden from God. We love Him with all our might. That is our actions. As we keep these words in our heart, they will remind us to live our lives out of love for God, and our neighbor.

Questions:

How would you share this verse with a friend or family member?

Memory Verse:

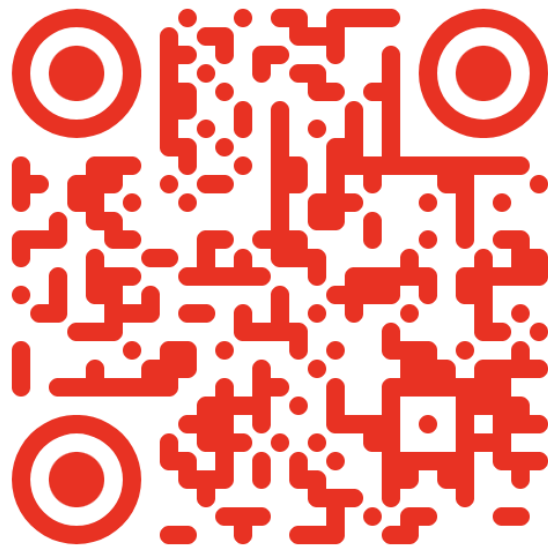
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