



Twenty-third Sunday  
after Pentecost

**October 31, 2021**

**Mark 12:28-34**

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



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

Loving God, your commandment to love is simple, yet not easy to follow. Open our hearts to the same compassion which you show to each of us, that we might spread your gospel through love, for Jesus' sake. Amen.



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

*"Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:28b-31)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

When a scribe asked Jesus to clarify the greatest commandment, Jesus answered with an invitation: Love.



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

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

**How hard is it to love? What is love? How do we express love differently to different people?**

**For the littles: Who loves you most?**



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May God love you. And then love you some more. Amen.**



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

Research the different kinds of love according to the ancient Greeks (about the time of Jesus). They are agape, eros, philia, philautia, storge, pragma, ludus, and mania. Consider how the way you express love touches on one or more of these types of love. In what way/s do you think God loves you?



**Go Deeper:** Go to [bit.ly/daily-devotions-rcl](https://bit.ly/daily-devotions-rcl) for the daily readings!

Monday, Psalm 18:20-30; Ruth 2:15-23; Romans 12:17-21; 13:8-10

Tuesday, Psalm 18:20-30; Ruth 3:1-7; Acts 7:17-29

Wednesday, Psalm 18:20-30; Ruth 3:8-18; John 13:31-35

Thursday, Psalm 127; Ruth 4:1-10; Romans 5:6-11

Friday, Psalm 127; Ruth 4:11-17; Hebrews 9:15-24

Saturday, Psalm 127; Ruth 4:18-22; Mark 11:12-14, 20-24