



Nurturing Faith... Every Day in Every Way

October 26, 2014

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

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Matthew 22:34-46

Loving God, Loving Each Other. *Object:* A poster with rules on it.

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3. Stay in your seat.
4. Do your own work.
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7. Don't talk without permission.
8. Listen when someone is speaking.
9. Keep your desk neat and clean.
10. Be kind and respect one another.

I think that is a pretty good list of rules, don't you? Which one of these rules do you think is the most important? (Allow some feedback.) Which rule do you think your teacher would think is most important? Well, if you were to ask me, I would say that the most important rule is "be kind and respect one another."

The people in Jesus' day had to follow rules too. One day a lawyer asked Jesus, "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment?" How many commandments there are? There are ten, aren't there? Well, there were ten that Moses wrote on the tablets of stone and we call them the Ten Commandments, but the Jews actually had 613 laws. There were 248 dos and 365 don'ts. Wow! That is a lot of dos and don'ts isn't it? Can you imagine trying to remember all of them? Six hundred thirteen laws! Which one do you think Jesus said was the most important? Listen to what Jesus said to the lawyer.

Jesus answered him, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind,' this is the greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." In other words, Jesus was saying that if we could keep these two commandments, we would not have any trouble keeping the others.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. Alleluia (1 John 4:11)

It isn't easy to keep the commandments, is it? We need God's help each and every day. Let's pray and ask him to help us to love as he has commanded us. Dear Father, help us to love you with all of our heart and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Amen.

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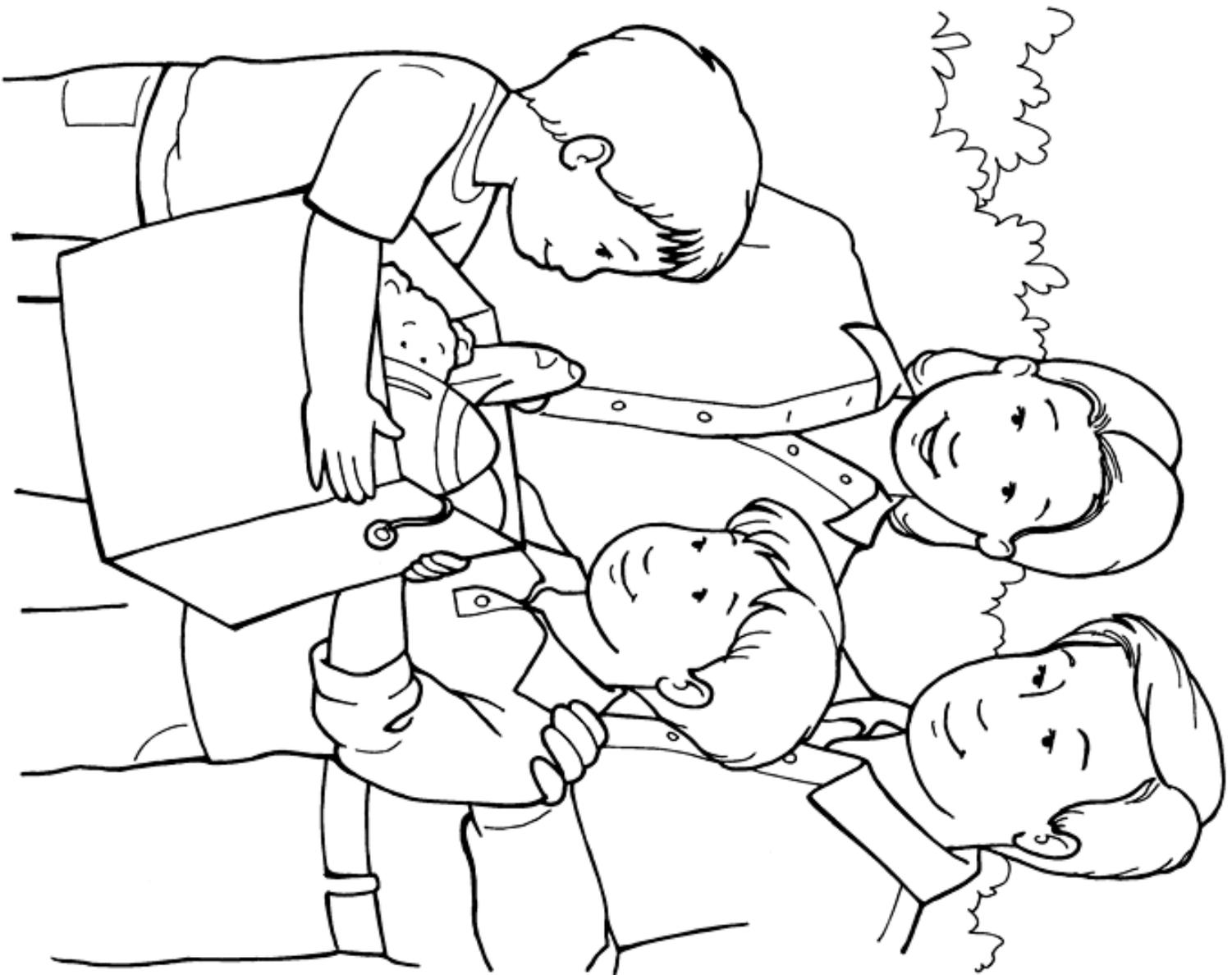
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COMMANDMENT TREE: Children can draw a large tree trunk and branches. Draw or cut out and glue Fall colored leaves to the tree with some of God's rules. Make sure that today's Bible verse is on at least one of the leaves to LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD, etc.



I can show my friends that Jesus loves them.

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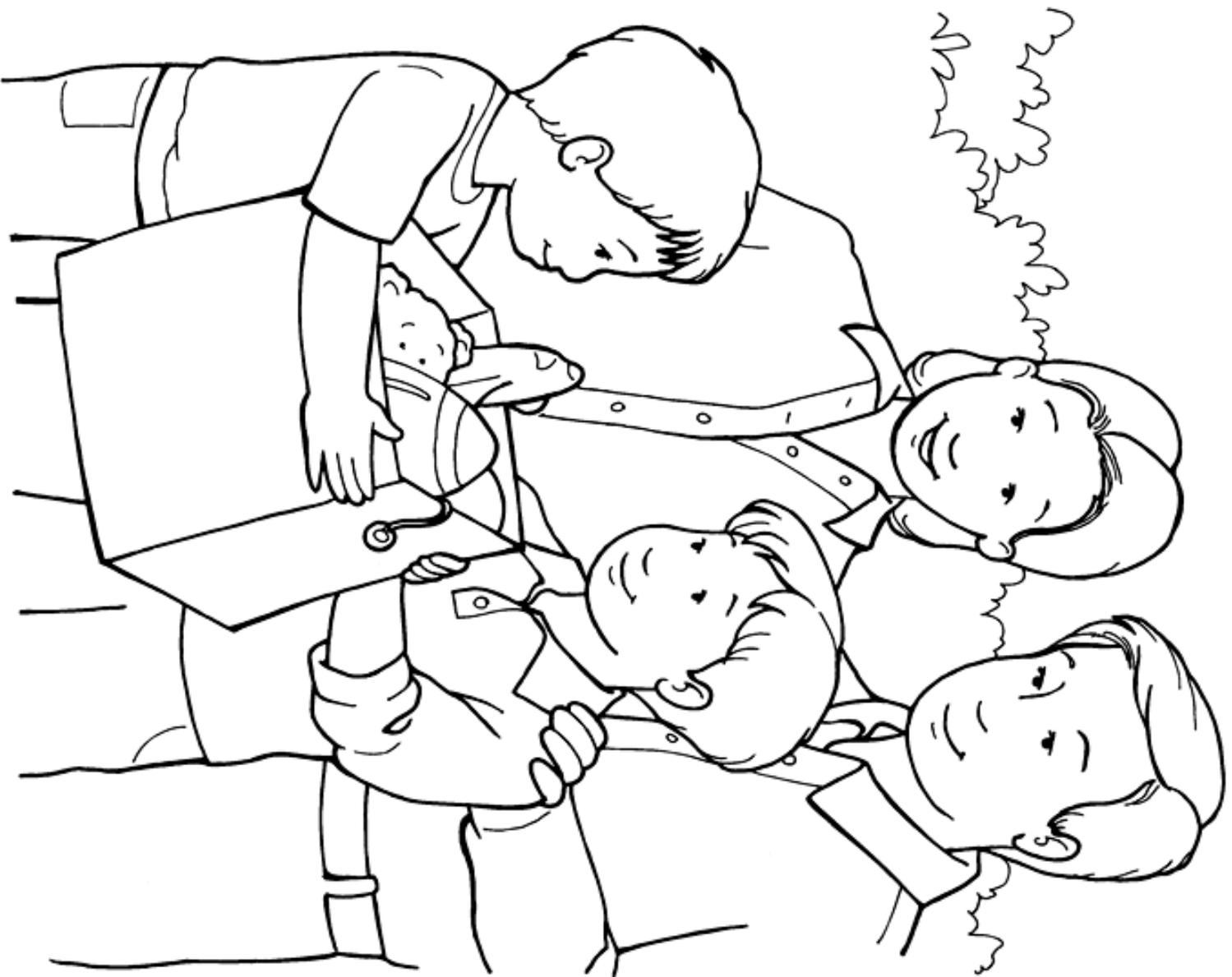
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