

Art Extra - The Greatest Commandment

"God's Law" Badge

Kids draw a picture that symbolizes the greatest commandment as they remember: "If you want to be great, follow the greatest commandment."

Supplies:

- Badge PDF
- Paper
- Markers
- Pencils
- Metallic crayons (gold or silver)
- Metallic glue or glitter glue
- Scissors (optional)
- Construction paper (optional)

Set Up:

Make copies of the badge, one per kid. Place supplies in a central location.

Instructions:

In our Bible story today, Jesus told the Pharisees which of the commandments is most important. Who remembers what that commandment is? (*Love the Lord your God . . .*) Who remembers what Jesus recited as the second-most important commandment? (*Love your neighbor as yourself.*) Jesus helped the Pharisees understand that the Ten Commandments were God's law, and Jesus helps us understand that these two commandments about love are even more important than the law. Let's work together to create badges that can help us remember God's loving law.

1. Pass out copies of the badge PDF. **We see these on police officers who work to uphold our city's laws. A badge is not very big. The symbols on it must say a lot in a small space. What are some symbols you could draw to represent God's law? (*cross, dove, handshake, rainbow, etc.*)**
2. Encourage kids to decorate their badges with symbols that remind them of God's law.
3. When kids are satisfied with their symbol designs, direct them to color the badge with a metallic gold or silver crayon.
4. Invite them to finish the badge by tracing over the lines of the badge with glitter glue.

Great work, everyone! Remember, if you want to be great, follow the greatest commandment.

If you have less time . . .

Decide upon one symbol prior to class that you would like the entire class to use on the badges.

If you have more time . . .

Invite kids to cut out their badges and mount them on construction paper. Work together to hang the badges for display in a hallway or on a church bulletin board.