

Main Point: Jesus wants us to LOVE ONE ANOTHER

LESSON

Who has heard of the Ten Commandments? (Show of hands.)

Who knows who gave us the Ten Commandments? (Pick one to answer.)

That's right - God gave us the Ten Commandments to show us how to live holy. God gave them to the Israelites along with a lot of other commands on how to live. Many of them followed the rules with a bad attitude instead of thanking God for showing them how to live in a pleasing way.

Who believes you should obey your parents? (Show of hands.)

Who sometimes does it with a bad attitude? (Show of hands.)

We all do that sometimes. But the point of the rules isn't to just follow the rules. It's to obey our parents and God. We love them and they love us and many times they know better than us. We need to trust them.

Who here trusts their parents? (Show of hands.)

Can you think of anything your parents told you not to do that is for the best? (Examples: don't play in the street, etc.)

Well the Israelites had a lot of rules and made up even more on their own. They had rules for almost everything they did.

Jesus told his disciples a new command that really surprised everyone. It wasn't like the rules they had before. He said...

John 13:34-35

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

When you have Jesus live in your heart, He helps you know how to live. So we don't live by rules like the Israelites - our rule is love: Love God and love one another.

TRANSITION & VIDEO

So let's get up and practice. Give everyone else in the class a high-five, hand shake or hug. See if you can get to everyone in the class. When you are done, sit down so we can tell you're already finished and then we'll watch a video. Go! (Play Booples episode "Love One Another")

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

So tell me...

1. What did Poodle Boople want to do at first? (Please God and tell others about Him.)
2. What did he try (Cake, letters, dance/ballet/song, etc.)

3. God likes us to do things for Him, but what does he want more? (Love Him and His children (e.g., you and others))

4. Who is a great example for loving one another? (HINT: He told us this new command) (Jesus)

5. How can you love one another? (Help others, give to the poor, tell people about Jesus, pray for people, etc.)

Those are all great examples. There's lots of things we can do to love one another. Let's try really hard this week to live out this 'new command' from Jesus! What is it again? (Love One Another!)

(Bible quotations taken from NIV).