

Integrate Discussion Guide- January 13

Today's Bible Story: The Greatest (The Greatest Commandment) • *Matthew 22:36-40*

Today's Key Question: What are things you're expected to do?

Today's Bottom Line: Love God. Love others.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Whoever can be trusted with very little, can also be trusted with much. Luke 16:10a NIV*

Monthly Life App: Responsibility—Showing you can be trusted with what is expected of you

ASK

- Ask kids about their break! Find out what they did during Christmas and the snow day this week! Tell them what you did! (Leaders are **personal**)
- As a group, list out some responsibilities kids their age have.
- What does it look like to Love God?
- How does doing what's expected of us (being responsible) show that we love God?
- What are some examples of loving others? Why do you think this is important to God?
- If you do the things that are expected of you but have a bad attitude about it, are you still being responsible? Why or why not?
- When doing a task that is boring or that you don't enjoy doing; such as, helping with laundry or cleaning your room, how does it help to think of ways those tasks are showing love for God or others?

DO

- Would you say that loving God and loving others is an expectation God has of those who say they follow Jesus? Why or why not?
- What's one way you could show more love for God this next week?
- How about for others?
- What are some habits you can work on in your life this year consistently to increase your love for God? (Help them out! What are spiritual disciplines you are working on?)
- Who is someone in your life that you could do a better job showing love to?

PRAY

- Remind kids that if we want to follow Jesus, we have a responsibility to love God and love others.
- Encourage them to ask God to help them show love to the people around them. When others see how they love them, they can see how God loves them, too.
- "Dear God, You are the perfect example of love. You gave us your Son who loved us because He loved You. Help us to follow You well this week by growing in our love for You and choosing to love others as much as we love ourselves."