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### Hear It

Listen to the questions you hear people asking this week. Remember the answer Jesus gave to the Pharisees about the greatest commandment.



### Talk About It

1. What are some rules you have to follow at home? At school? At church?
2. Why do we have rules to follow? What would happen if people didn't follow rules? Tell about a time you didn't follow a rule. What was the consequence?
3. What did Jesus say is the greatest commandment? What other commandment did Jesus say is also very important?
4. Find a book of riddles to ask each other (or look some up online.) What makes a riddle difficult to answer?



### Live It

**For families to do together:** Print the greatest and second greatest commandment on a poster board using very large letters. Then, invite everyone in your family to help decorate it. Hang it in the kitchen or family room as a reminder of how God wants us to live.

**For preschool kids:** Is there someone at school you have trouble being kind to? Someone you don't get along with at church or in your neighborhood? Make a list of these "neighbors." Do your best to be kind to them this week and remember Jesus' great commandments.



### Pray It

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