Loving God: Heart and Soul

Talk About It:

- What foods do you love to eat?
- Who are the people in your life you love the most?

Read About It:

Have you ever been asked a trick question? Or tried to trick a friend or grown-up with a riddle? Jesus was asked a lot of trick questions by people who weren't sure if they should trust him or not. In today's Bible reading, a very smart man tried to trick Jesus with a question. Check it out:

Read Luke 10:25-28

25 One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: "Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?"

26 Jesus replied, "What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?"

27 The man answered, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.' And, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

28 "Right!" Jesus told him. "Do this and you will live!"

The very smart man already knew the answer to his question: The way to live forever with God is to love God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind. Loving God starts with your heart and soul.

In the Bible, "heart" means the part of you that controls your feelings, your wants, and your desire to do things. "Soul" means your character, your spirit, who you really are inside. Your heart and soul are what make you, *you*! To love God with your heart and soul means to love God with the very best of who you are, inside and out. Because we love God, we give God the best of ourselves, the best of who we are.

Sing About It:

Learn the Greatest Commandment and praise God with this fun song on YouTube:

<u>Love the Lord</u> (Kids Worship Motions with Lyrics, CJ and Friends)

Think About It:

- What are some of the things that make you, you? Answering these questions might help:
 - What are your favorite things to do?
 - Do you love music, art, reading, sports, building, creating?
 - Are you calm and quiet or do you have lots of energy?
 - Are you kind and helpful? Thoughtful and curious?

Your personality is the heart and soul of who you are. How can you show love for God when you're doing the things you love to do? How can you love God with your talents and skills? Think about all the things that make you, you, and how you can love God with your heart and soul.

Make It:

Write the Greatest Commandment on the heart cutout, then hang it up by your mirror, on your door, or somewhere you can see it every day.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.

Do It:

Go back to the "Think About It" section and how you described what makes you, you. Now, put your love for God into action by doing one of your favorite things in a way that shows love for God. You could:

- Create music or art to show your love for God
- Write a prayer or poem about your love for God
- Do something kind for someone and share God's love with them

Pray About It:

Tell God all the reasons why you love Him. Ask God to help you love Him with all your heart and soul.

Memorize It:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind. Luke 10:27

