



# Holy Monday at HOME

## READ

### **Mark 12:28-34** *The First Commandment*

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

### **Spark Story Bible: The Greatest Commandment**

## WONDER

Jesus taught us to love God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind and to love your neighbors. I wonder how you can show love and gratitude to your neighbors and community helpers this week?

## PREPARE

Add hearts to your centerpiece. Write the names of neighbors in need and/or community helpers on the hearts to help you to remember to continue to pray from them during Holy Week.

## ACT

**Notes of Love and Gratitude:** Take a few minutes today to write a note or draw a picture of appreciation for our neighbors who are community helpers: doctors, nurses, post office workers, trash collectors, grocery store workers, police officers, teachers, etc. Post your notes and pictures to Facebook, Instagram, Tweeter, or text/mail directly to Community Helpers that you may personally know.

Pick up the phone and reach out to older neighbors, family members and church members to let them know you are thinking about them and see if they need anything. Let them know they are loved and not alone.

## PRAY

*Fill us, Loving God, with love for you, for one another, and for ourselves. Amen.*