

LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD

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SING!

Sing *Love The Lord Your God* together.

TRY THIS

Ask a member of your family to read Deuteronomy 6 v 4-9 and Matthew 22 v 34-40.



Ask each family member to **draw a self-portrait** (or even make one out of play dough!). Talk about the parts of the body that could represent your heart, then soul, then mind and then strength. Around your drawing, **write down or talk about the ways that we can love God with all these parts of ourselves.**

Then, pass your portrait to someone else at the table. On the one you've been given, write down some practical ways that you could love that person, like Jesus asks us to 'love your neighbour as yourself'. Put your masterpieces up somewhere as a reminder to **love God and each other** in the ways you have explored together.

WOW & WONDER

Isn't it amazing that we can know God, and that our love for Him really matters? Spend a moment thinking about this and **pray together** in response.

TALK IT OVER

Read Deuteronomy 6 v 1-9. Use these questions to help explore the passage:

1. What is happening to God's people when He gives them this commandment?
2. Why do you think God says that loving Him is the most important thing?
3. Jesus quotes these verses in Deuteronomy in answer to a question. Can you think of any other times He does this?

REMEMBER THIS

Deuteronomy 6 v 5

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