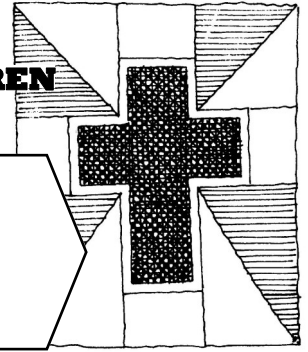


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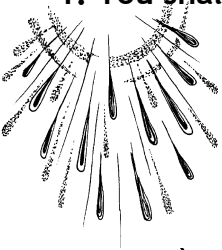
GOD'S LAWS

The Ten Commandments

Look at the Ten Commandments.

In the spaces below write short phrases about what God expects from us.

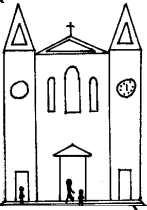
1. You shall not have other gods before me.



2. You shall not take the name of the Lord in vain



3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's day.



4. Honour your father and mother.



5. You shall not kill.



6. You shall not commit adultery.



7. You shall not steal.



8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour



9. You shall not cover your neighbour's wife.



10. You shall not covet your neighbour's goods.



THE STORY OF A SAINT

ST THERESA

Theresa called herself the Little Flower of Jesus. She was born and lived in France and was the youngest of five sisters. They were a happy Catholic family. She liked looking at all the flowers: the roses, the lilies, the daises and the violets that bloomed in her garden and all around the countryside. Theresa loved the sweet smell of the violets best. These were tiny and hard to find among the green leaves. "Everything", Theresa thought, "is God's garden. I want to let God care for me, just as He cares for each of His flowers."



Theresa wanted to let God's love fill her heart. She always wanted to live in the love of God. Theresa knew that the flowers would lose their colour if it were sunny all the time. She knew that during heavy rain lilies swayed back and forth, but would lift their heads to the sky again when the storm was over. She was sure that God showed His love and care for us too - in times of joy, in times of sadness.

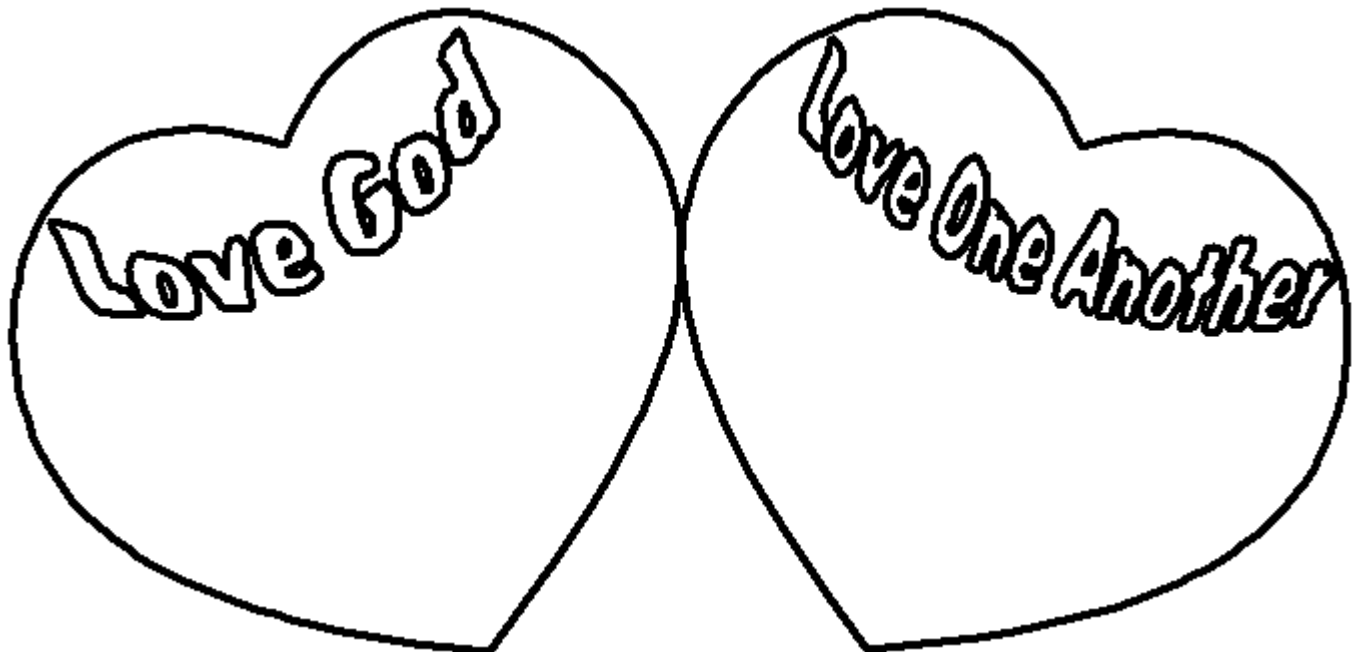
Everyday Theresa would show God her love by doing what pleased Him. She tried not to say things that hurt others. She tried not to complain or lose her temper. She did what she was told even when she didn't feel like it.

Theresa wanted others to love God and become saints too. She would make sacrifices for others such as eating a jam sandwich that became mushy or by sharing her toys when she wanted to play by herself. Theresa kept a record of her sacrifices on a string of beads. Every time she did something for the love of God and of others she added a bead in the string. She used to say: "I look for tiny trifles, little opportunities that please Jesus." She wanted to be His little flower, bringing joy and happiness to everyone.



How are we going to practise the 10 commandments?

Write some examples in the two hearts:



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