

# 10 Rulz: Session 12 – A new rule

**Title:** God says 'Love one another'

**Bible base:** John 13:34–35; 15:12; Luke 10:25–37

**Aim:** To understand that to be able to carry out any of the commandments you need love.

## Game

Play hangman using various words such as the name of the club or the name of the school.

## Recap

If you made the tablets of stone to remember the commandments, recap over the ten and see if the children can remember the stories that were linked to each week. Be ready to prompt if necessary.

## Introduction

Talk about how difficult some of the ten commandments are to keep. You may like to remind them of some of the discussions you have had in the weeks gone by. Explain that Jesus gave his friends another commandment. Introduce this by playing another game of hangman using the words from John 15:12 (CEV):

Jesus said 'Love each other as I have loved you.'

It is quite a long sentence so you could fill in a few words in advance so that it is quicker.

Once the phrase has been guessed, talk about how Jesus talked a lot to his friends, the disciples, about how God wanted them to live their lives. Explain that the disciples would have known the ten commandments really well and would have tried to keep them but Jesus knew that without love, they would not be able to keep them. So that is why Jesus gave them this new commandment.

In groups of two or three, ask the children to talk about what it means to love each other and how they could do it. Put a time limit on the discussion and then ask the children to feed back with their ideas.

## Story: The good Samaritan

Tell the story by reading the Bible passage (Luke 10:25–37) from the Good News Bible or the CEV Bible and have children or leaders act out the story as you read it.

Ask the children what they think the man who asked the question did after Jesus had told this story. Follow this up by asking them what they could do.

## Prayer

If you think it would work with your group of children, ask them to find a partner and tell each other how they would like Jesus to help them to love and care for someone. Once they have shared with each other, ask the children to pray for each other. If you think this would not work in the group,

lead from the front, asking for ideas from the children and then ask either for volunteers to pray aloud or ask a leader to say an all-encompassing prayer.

## **Fun sheet**

Give a copy of the fun sheet to each child to complete the word search and colour in the verse.

## **Song**

Sing 'Love the Lord' from the CD *Bitesize Bible Songs* (available from [www.scriptureunion.org.uk/light/bitesizebible1.asp](http://www.scriptureunion.org.uk/light/bitesizebible1.asp)).

## **Memory verse**

Encourage the children to learn John 15:12 (CEV): 'Jesus said "Love each other as I have loved you."' Split the children into groups and ask each group to make up actions for the verse. Each group could show their actions up front as everyone repeats the memory verse together.