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Winning the Game when You are Playing For Keeps

1. Love God

Matthew 22:34 *Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. 35 One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: 36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"*

37 *Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."*

Deuteronomy 6:4 *Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. 5 Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.*

7 *Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.*

8 *Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.*

9 *Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.*

Why should we love God?

1. We are loved by God.

1 John 4:10 *This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.*

2. We were made by God.

Revelation 4:11 *"You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created everything, ... NLT*

3. We were made for God.

Revelation 4:11 *For you created everything, and it is for your pleasure that they exist and were created." NLT*

4. We were saved by God.

1 John 4:10 *This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sin*

5. We are cared for by God.

Acts 14:17 *Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy."*

How to help your kids love God.

1. Love God. Be an example

2. Celebrate all that God does for us

3. Give God your first and your best

4. Take time to treasure His word