

ELEMENTARY DISCUSSION GUIDE

CHARACTER TRAIT: CONSISTENCY

DEFINITION:

Constantly following God and His Word

MEMORY VERSE:

"You have charged us to keep your commandments carefully. Oh, that my actions would consistently reflect your decrees! Then I will not be ashamed when I compare my life with your commands." **Psalm 119:4-6**

FINISH LINE:

God is the same now, then, and forever

READ: DEUTERONOMY 6:4-7; MARK 12:21-34; HEBREWS 13:8

WHAT DOES IT SAY? (OBSERVATION)

READ DEUTERONOMY 6:4-7

1. God loves us so much. One of the ways He loves us is by giving us His Word that tells us the best way to live. His Word protects us, teaches us, and reminds us of how good He is. What can you learn about God from these verses? *(He is the one true God, and He wants us to follow His Word.)*
2. Reread verse 5. What was the most important command that God gave to the Israelites? *(We must love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and strength.)*
3. Look at verse 7 again. When and where can we be excited about talking about Him? *(At home or wherever we go, in the evenings and during the day)*

WHAT DOES IT MEAN? (INTERPRETATION)

READ MARK 12:21-34

1. Compare these verses to the ones in Deuteronomy. How does God show us He is the same now, then, and forever in these verses? *(What Jesus taught in the New Testament is the same as what God told the Israelites in the Old Testament. God had not changed His mind.)*
2. Why do you think this is the most important commandment? *(God loves us so much. He wants us to have a relationship with Him and love Him back because He knows that is what is best for us.)*
3. How did Jesus ultimately show how much He loved us? *(He was willing to go to the cross and die to pay for our sins so we could have a relationship with God.)*

WHY DOES IT MATTER? (APPLICATION)

READ HEBREWS 13:8

1. What do these verses tell you about Jesus? *(Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever.)*
2. Is the God that was the same in the Old and New Testament the same God today? Will He be the same God a million years from now? Why do you think that?
3. What are some things you know were true about God in the Old Testament, that were also true in the New Testament, and that are still true today?
4. Do you have anything uncertain going on in your life right now or any big changes? How does it make you feel knowing God is consistent even in those times? Why?