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Jesus told the Pharisees, **“The most important [commandment . . .] is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these” (Mark 12: 29-31).** The Bible teaches us to want to help other people. Helping others is good because it makes me feel good while I make others feel good. It also helps me love God by showing his acts of mercy to other people. I try to make a difference at home, at school, and in my community because serving others helps me, helps others, and reflects Jesus’ love.

The 10 Commandments say **“Honor your mother and father” (Exodus 20:12).** I try to keep this commandment by being a good son and having a good attitude. I don’t talk back and I do what my parents ask me to do. I also do chores like taking out the garbage and recycling. I also am a good big brother. I encourage, help, and listen to my little sister. I make her laugh when she is sad. I am patient with her when she is annoying. I play games with her when she needs a friend. This verse tells us to honor our father and mother and therefore we should help them around the house and in the family. Helping my family reflects Jesus by doing good things. It also helps my family and makes me feel good.

Additionally, the Bible says **“Do to others as you would have them do to you [....] Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:31-36).** I like this verse because it is the Golden Rule and is important because if we do good, then good things happen. I try to be nice to everyone and I like making friends with everyone in my class. I also respect my teachers. By being a kind person and a good student, I make a difference at my school because I am a role model for younger kids. Being a good role model also helps me share and live out my faith.

Finally, Jesus told his disciples, **“Freely you have received; freely give” (Matthew 9:8).** This verse is good because it teaches us to share our gifts with others. I love to do service work because it helps others and reflects Jesus’ mercy. I have done many service projects through school like Oktoberfest where we held a fun event with games for the entire school. This event helped the school by putting smiles on kids’ faces and made us feel good. I have done projects at my school in Arizona when I packed food for less fortunate people at St. Mary’s Food Bank and packaged rice, beans, and non-perishable foods for families around the world at Feed My Starving Children. I like

participating in service projects because they are fun to do with my friends and family and because they show God's love. This year has been hard to do service projects because of the Covid-19 pandemic, but there are still ways I did service this year. I participated in virtual service projects like decorating rocks and making cards to show people God's love. I also donated to my church and to several food banks as well. I love to help others!

I help others because the Bible tells us to follow Jesus' example. Jesus washed his disciples' feet and told them, "**I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you**" (John 13:15). I try to be a disciple by treating people how Jesus would treat people with kindness and love. People see Jesus in me because I'm a good and caring person and I like to live out my faith and I try to do good things when I can. I will continue to make a difference by being a good brother and son at home, by being a good friend, student, and role model at school, and by doing service projects in my community. I will keep serving others because service shows God's mercy and love to others while helping my self-esteem and making me feel good.