

## **Torch Bearers**

### **Book No. 7: Lesson 12:**

#### **The Greatest Commandment**

##### **Objective:**

To understand and practice Greatest Commandment as taught by Jesus - loving God and loving others, including enemies.

**Starter:** Begin with a group discussion. Ask students to share what they think is the most important rule in their life and why. Transition into asking them about rules they believe are important in their faith journey. This will lead into the introduction of the Greatest Commandment as the ultimate rule in Christian life.

##### **Presentation of the topic: -**

- The Commandment of Love: Discuss the biblical basis of the Greatest Commandment. Refer to John 13:34-35: "A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."
- Two Sides of the Same Coin: Explain how love for God and love for others are inseparable. Emphasize that true love for God is reflected in how we treat others.
- Love of Enemies: Introduce the radical concept of loving enemies as taught by Jesus, using Luke 6:27-29: "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you."
- Deeds of Mercy: Highlight practical ways to live out this commandment through acts of mercy, as taught by Jesus.

**Habit Formation:** Everyday practise one deed of mercy.

**Bible Verse:** John 13:34: "I give you a new commandment, that you Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

##### **Activity:**

- Foot Washing Ceremony: Reenact the washing of the disciples' feet (John 13:1-12). Pair the students and have them symbolically wash each other's feet or hands as a gesture of humility and love. This activity underscores the teaching of serving one another in love.
- My good deed for the day Worksheet: Provide students with a worksheet to list out daily deeds of mercy they can perform at home, school, or in their community. Encourage them to choose the deeds to carry out this week and share their experience in the next class.