



THE BIG TEN

We've been learning about the BIG 10 in Sunday School, aka, the Ten Commandments. What they are, why they still matter, and what Jesus had to say about them. For Jesus, it was all about the heart. YJeremiah 31:33 says, "I will put My law within them and write it on their heart; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people." We see this fulfilled in the New Covenant that Jesus established.

God doesn't just care about what we do on the outside, he cares about our hearts. Jesus said if we're angry with our brother (or sister), or if you speak harshly, the consequences or punishment is equal to breaking #6—murder (see Matthew 5)! Yikes!!! The good news is that we can go to that brother or sister and be reconciled, or make up with them.

When we learn about the Ten Commandments with the kids, I always try to focus on the flip side too—the positive side. We're *not* supposed to speak unkind words, so then we *are* supposed to speak *words of life* to one another. To help us understand the impact that our words can have on others, we watched a music video by TobyMac who wrote a song called, Speak Life. You can check it out [here](#).

The Big 10 are all about first, loving God, and secondly, loving others—literally. The first four commandments are about our relationship with God, and the remaining six have to do with our relationship with others. And Jesus cares about our heart—the thoughts, feelings, and meditations of our inward person. Only He can transform that inward person to be more like Himself, through the Holy Spirit, to be more loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle (even in our words), and to have more self-control. Thank you, Jesus!

The apostle Paul said in Galatians 5 that "the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Simple, right? 😊

With Love, Pastor Michele



**Annual Spring Diaper Drive
March 1 – 31**

**Diapers & wipes can be dropped off in the
BIG GREEN BOX in Fellowship Hall
Sizes 6, 5, & 4 especially needed**

CGT is a non-profit organization that provides essentials for children & teens in need throughout the North Shore. Every year they give about 100,000 diapers to families! See Pastor Michele for more info.



Save the Date!

Sunday, April 10th at 1:00 pm

**Join us in this fun, family outreach
Volunteers & candy donations needed
For info to come... see Pastor Michele**