What's Happening in Sunday School?

Each of the texts today speaks of not treating others poorly. In the Exodus reading, God says he is listening to the cries of the people and will hear if they are being mistreated. He promises to act on their behalf and punish harshly anyone who harms the helpless. In the Epistle, Paul assures the Thessalonians that he and his crew have treated them with kindness and honesty. The most important way that Paul has been good to them is that he has preached the Good News to them for their benefit. In the Gospel, Jesus explains the greatest commandment, to love God above all things. How do we show this love? It might seem like we should think only of God, but the best way to love God is to show it out into the world by loving all of the people he has created. Jesus further explains that the second Great Commandment is to love our neighbor as ourselves. If you think about it, the Ten Commandments easily fit into these two categories. The first 4 of the Commandments concern loving God. If we truly love God we will follow the first four as a natural outpouring of that love. The last 6 Commandments concern loving our neighbor as ourselves. Again, if we love God enough, these Commandments about not treating others poorly will come easily to us.

Digging Deeper

- Look up the 10 Commandments and categorize them under "love God" or "love neighbor."
- Come up with one or two things to do this week to show our love for God. Do the same for our neighbors.

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