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What does it mean "The Lord our God is the one and only?" **It means that He is it. There is no other God. When God gave this commandment to Moses Israel had left Egypt and was heading toward the Promised Land. The Egyptians worshipped multiple gods and the inhabitants of the Promised Land worshipped multiple gods. God wanted Israel to know that there is only one God and He is it.**

Wouldn't it be clearer and simpler if the command had been stated, "You must love the Lord your God?" Why do you think it goes on to say, "with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind and all your strength?" **To word it that way is to emphasize the idea of complete or total love. Every part of the person is to be brought into the loving process – emotion, intellect and action.**

How would you answer someone who says, "If God is 'all-that' I don't think He'd have to command anyone to love Him."? **God commands us to love because He is the best and He wants the best for us.**

Biblical love seeks the greatest good for the one loved. How does that idea differ from how the world defines love? **Many times, in today's world love is based on convenience and performance. I will love you if it serves my purposes (what I get out of it)—or— I will love you as long as you _____.**

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