

Love your neighbor as yourself. Who told us that and why? Jesus told us this commandment to achieve peace everywhere we go. Jesus taught us by example how to share our time, talents, and treasures at home, school, and in our church community. It is not always easy to do this, as we can see from the way to the cross, but I try my best everyday in everything that I do.

I share my time, talents, and treasures at home by doing chores and helping out at home. I assist my parents by making my bed, tossing out the trash, washing the dishes, mopping, watering the plants, and helping with cooking and laundry. To do these chores, I have to cut time off shows and movies on the television. Lending a hand to Mom and Dad and doing not only my own chores, but also other chores that are not mine without being told or asked is also appreciable to my parents. If I have a playdate at my house I have to go 50-50 with my toys and practice the virtue of generosity. I not only share my gifts at home, but I also share them at school.

At school, I have learned to share, lend a hand, and be an example for the younger kids. When a new kid comes to my school, I can play soccer with him or her with my ball. Also, picking up the trash is setting an example for little kindergartners so they can also learn to take care of our school. I also like to lend a hand to the teachers whenever I can, and pray in class for those in need. If I am a student that is focused and responsible, God will be jumping for joy up in heaven. I like to make God happy and that's why I also help out in my parish.

At my parish, Saint Francis of Assisi, I offer my help however I can. I love singing with my parents in the 7pm Sunday mass. At church I also have the opportunity to clean up around the parish, and help the elderly by spending time and chatting with them. I also have the opportunity to donate food through the program of St. Vincent de Paul. Sharing my time with the elderly and helping out around my parish, is a way to honor God.

To share my time, talents, and treasures at home, school, and in my church community is a way to follow Jesus' path and spread peace everywhere I go. Because the second person of the Blessed Trinity said so, you should love your neighbor as yourself, and give yourself as a gift whenever you can. My parents, school, and priest have all taught me this and I am happy to share my time, talents, and treasures with them.