

Easter Assembly, March 2006
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Based on Luke 10:27

Henriques bag
rolled newspaper
Lynn's grey wig, shawl, glasses,
briefcase, hat
bags & groceries
Cane

H's jacket, baseball
hat

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Title: **NOW THAT'S GOOD NEWS**

Characters: newspaper boy or girl
Old lady or man
Young boy or girl
Mum or Dad
Regular person on the street

wear Black

can all be played by same person, so the
minimum actors needed is 2.

Props: newspaper with Luke 10:27 written on it
Other props to signify different characters.

(Scene opens with paperboy on street corner, yelling and trying to sell the newspapers)

Paperboy: (waving newspaper) EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT. God gives His greatest commandment of all time. Read Luke 10:27. Luke 10:27. Read all about it! (as the paperboy says this, various characters pass by and buy a newspaper. Different people have different reactions. Use your imagination as to who will pass and what his/her reaction will be.)

(Finally, a businessman passes by.)

Businessman: (buys a newspaper and says to the boy) What's this?? God's greatest commandment??? Love God and love your neighbour as yourself?? And why should I love my neighbour as myself? What do you think, young man? (paperboy starts to speak and is interrupted.)

I'll tell you what I think. I don't need anything. I have a good job, a great money, a great car. I have peace. Well, peace, I don't know but it doesn't matter. I don't need to be friends with my neighbour. He's got my life and I've got mine. It's a dog eat dog world and nobody is going to stop me. Greatest commandment of all time?? HA.

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(Mum with heavy bags walks by and buys a newspaper. She puts down her bags and stops for a moment.)

Mum: Luke 10:27 – Yes, I've heard of this before – Love God and love your neighbour as yourself. Hey that's a great *idea*, but really, how practical is it?? I know God loves me and want me to love Him but really, it's going a bit too far to love your neighbors, especially when you've got neighbors like I have. They really are impossible. Good Lord, there's music at all hours of the night, always inviting us over for a bar-be-que. And their teenagers! Honestly, I've never seen so much hair gel and make up in all my life. Loving God is one thing but loving your neighbors as yourself. It's not for me!!

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Young Boy: Hey man, my Dad wants a paper. How much are they??

Paperboy: 60 pence, please

Young Boy: Thanks. (starts to walk off). Hey, what's this, then?? (points to the headline Luke 10:27)

Paperboy: Luke 10:27 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and love your neighbour as yourself.' That's what God wants, so we can live together nicely.

Young Boy: Wow, that's interesting. I know I should love God – that's easy. He's nice and kind and loves me no matter what. But to love my neighbour as myself. That's not so easy. I think I'm a pretty cool guy but some people aren't so nice. But I have noticed when I ask the boy next door to come play football with me and then we have a ribena and biscuits, he's really nice to me at school. But the bully at school – well that's another story. I find it really hard to be nice to him. But I guess, with God's help, I can be nice to him, too. But man, I'm gonna need a lot of help from God, I'll tell you that!! (walks off with paper).

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Old Lady: Young man, I'd like a paper please. Thank you so much. You're doing ever such a good job. Well, well, let's see. Luke 10:27 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and love your neighbour as yourself.' Now young man, that IS the best news the world could ever hear. Nothing is more important than loving God and nothing show that you love God better than loving your neighbour as yourself. My neighbour is nice. Very easy to live by, but I've got a brother-in-law who is not very kind to my sister. And then there's the grouchy lady at the supermarket! God values all people and loves everyone. Why, young man, he loves us so much that Jesus died on the cross so we could be his children. I think Luke 10:27 is the greatest commandment of all. Love God and love your neighbour. Now that's good news, indeed.

Paperboy: You know, boys and girls, the old lady is right. It is good news to love God and love each other. That's why we Christians celebrate Easter. When Jesus died on the cross for us and rose again in 3 days, He opened up a way for us to fully love God and be His children. And by loving God, we then have the heart and desire and strength to love others as ourselves. Boys and girls, this is a beautiful way to live. Because of Jesus, we can 'Love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our strength and with all our mind and love our neighbour as ourselves.'

Both characters: (singing) Luke 10:27, Luke 10:27! Love God and love neighbour. Luke 10:27, Read all about it.