30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 22: 34-40
When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"
And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Some things to think about...

- The high priests (Pharisees) were very focused on rules, while Jesus guided people towards the most important commandment - love God and love your neighbour as yourself.
- What does it mean to love ourselves? How can we show love for ourselves?
- Who is our neighbour? How can you as Mini Vinnies put Jesus' "love your neighbour" commandment into action>

Activity
Choose a part of your community that might need some extra support e.g. school playground, local park, parish, care home. As a group, think about what you can do to support this area and make a plan to put your ideas into action.

Teacher's Notes
Blessed Rosalie Rendu said to Blessed Frédéric Ozanam and his friends when they were visiting people in need in Paris, "Above all you must give the poor your love."

In the Parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus redefined a "neighbour" not as someone from your own social circle or background, but as anyone in need who crosses your path. The SVP takes inspiration from the Good Samaritan and looks out for and helps anyone no matter their background or situation.

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