One God, One Love (1/5/25)

Main Verses: Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Key Verse: Deuteronomy 6:5

'Takeaway': As we begin a brand new year, God is calling us back to the purpose for which we were created: to glorify him best by loving him most. **Getting Started:** Who loves you the most? Who do you love the most? Why?

READ Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

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Here are some IMPORTANT IDEAS we discover in these verses :

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An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

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