

Nurturing Faith... Every Day in Every Way



April 24, 2016
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18
Psalms 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35



A New Commandment.

Everywhere we go there are rules. We have rules at home, we have rules at school, even adults have to follow the rules where they work. You must learn to follow the rules if you want to get along in this world.

Living by a set of rules isn't anything new. Even Jesus knew the importance of rules.

One day Jesus was talking to his disciples. He knew that the day was coming when he would return to heaven, and he was trying to prepare his disciples for the day when he would no longer be with them. He wanted to leave them with something that would help them to live in such a way that other people would see them and know that they were his disciples.

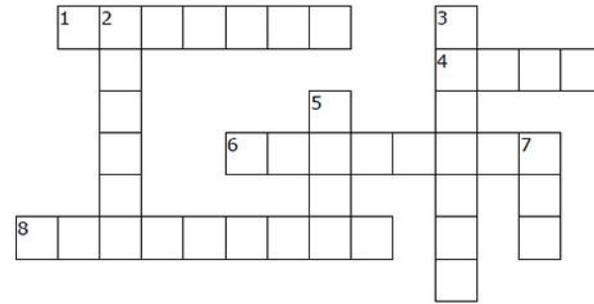
"I will be with you only a little while longer," Jesus said. "Then you will look for me, but you won't find me because you cannot go where I am going. I give you a new commandment. You must love each other just as I have loved you. If you love each other, everyone will know that you are my disciples."

Would you like for people to look at the way you live and know that you are a follower of Jesus? Well, then obey his command, "Love one another as I have loved you."

Jesus, we thank you that you loved us so much that you gave your life for us. Help us to love one another as you have loved us. Amen. - Used by permission, sermons4kids

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Everyone will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another. Alleluia (John 10:35)

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- An order or a rule given with authority
- To have feelings of compassion and concern for another person
- Boys and girls between birth and puberty
- Those who follow the teachings of Jesus

DOWN

- People aside from oneself
- To give praise and honour to God or a person
- A period of seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years, etc.
- The opposite of old

GLORIFY NEW	COMMAND DISCIPLES	TIME CHILDREN	OTHERS LOVE
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HEART BOOKMARKER: Let each child draw and cut out a medium size heart out of construction paper. Write today's Bible verse or words from today's lesson and decorate with stickers and a ribbon at the top. Stick in their Bibles after finding today's Bible verse in their own Bibles (John 13:34)

PAPER PLATE LOVE HEARTS: Give each child a paper plate to lightly color and then draw or glue hearts around the edges of the paper plate. Write today's Bible verse in the middle section of the paper plate. LOVE can be drawn in the middle of each heart around the outer edge of the plate, making sure to use a different bright colored marker each time.



LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU



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