

*Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way*

May 10, 2015

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98 (4)

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17



As I Have Loved You Object: Suckers or candy that comes in a variety of flavors.

This morning I have a bag of suckers. As you can see, they come in many different flavors. There are lemon, cherry, grape, watermelon, orange, and butterscotch.

One thing I have noticed is that when you offer to share your suckers with children and allow them to choose the flavor they want, children can be very picky about the flavor they choose. My experience is that when I do this, I almost always end up with butterscotch suckers left over when all of the other flavors are gone.

I don't know why so many children won't choose the butterscotch suckers. Maybe it is because their flavor is different from the other suckers. Maybe it is because they don't like the color of the wrapping paper on the suckers. Whatever the reason may be, I always end up with butterscotch leftovers. Do you know what I do with the leftover suckers? I eat them myself! You see, I love them all!

Sometimes we treat people the same way some children treat these suckers. When children play games, some children are always the last to be chosen. Maybe it is because they are just a little bit different. Perhaps they have a physical handicap or maybe their skin is a different color. Whatever the reason might be, the other children just won't choose them.

Have you ever been the one that wasn't chosen? It isn't a very good feeling, is it? We all need to remember that Jesus loves ALL the children and He said, "Love each other as I have loved you." If you are ever the one that is left out, don't worry, Jesus loves you just as much as He loves the other children. He loves us all!

Dear Father, help us to remember that Jesus taught us to love one another just as you loved him and as he loved us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Alleluia (John 14:23)

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HEART WREATH: Give each child a paper plate to lightly color and then glue or tape colored hearts all around the edge of the plate. Write today's Bible verse inside the middle section of the plate.

LOVE PRAYER BAGS: Give each child a lunch bag to decorate with markers and stickers. The child will then be given cut out hearts to write a name of someone they know on each heart and place all of their name hearts INSIDE the lunch bag. Encourage the children to take one heart out of the LOVE BAG each day and say a prayer for that person to experience GOD'S LOVE that day. Make sure that everyone in the class writes their Sunday School classmate's names as well as the teacher's name!

LOVE CARD: Give each child a piece of card stock paper to fold and to write today's Bible verse inside the card. Write GOD'S LOVE on the outside of the card, as well as stickers, glitter, hearts, foam hearts or crosses. Children can be encouraged to stand their LOVE card on their dinner table at home.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.



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