

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

May 21, 2017

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21



Showing Our Love for Jesus. Object: A Bible.

How many of you have a pet? What kind of pet do you have? When I was a child, I had a pet parakeet named Pete. Do you know how I showed Pete that I loved him? I took care of him. I made sure that his cage was kept clean. I made sure that he had plenty of food and water. One of the most important ways I showed my love was by spending time with him. Love isn't something you say, it is something you show by the things you do. It is the way you act toward someone or something.

Do you love Jesus? How does Jesus know that you love him? What can you do to show Jesus that you love him?

In today's Gospel lesson, Jesus gives his disciples the answer to that question. Jesus said, "Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them."

It isn't enough just to say we love Jesus. Instead, we have to show God our love by DOING the right things – just like you show your love to your pets and your parents and your friends.

So, what are some things we can do to show our love for Jesus? The Bible is a good place to find the answer. I have listed a few ways that I found, perhaps you can think of some more.

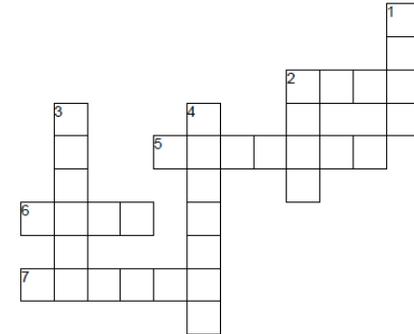
1. Love one another (John 13:34-35)
2. Worship him (Luke 4:8)
3. Tell others about Jesus (Acts 1:8)
4. Talk to him daily in prayer (Matthew 26:41)
5. Read his Word (Psalm 119:11)
6. Forgive others as you forgive us (Matthew 6:15)

Heavenly Father, we are quick to tell you that we love you — but we know that we need to show our love too. Help us to show our love for you, just as you show your love for 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)

Crossword Puzzle



HORIZONTAL

2. To have a deep feeling of affection for another person
5. An endless period of time
6. To give evidence of something
7. A child who has lost both mother and father

VERTICAL

1. To obey (such as the rules)
2. To be alive; the opposite of die
3. The relationship of God to Jesus
4. A rule or an order given to a person to do something

KEEP	SHOW	LOVE	COMMAND
FATHER	LIVE	FOREVER	ORPHAN

LOVE ONE ANOTHER NECKLACE: Provide the child with yarn and small colorful beads to make a necklace with a cut out heart for the middle of the necklace. The child can write LOVE ONE ANOTHER on the heart and add glitter or sequins to decorate.

LOVE GOD CROSS: Give a construction paper cross for a younger child, or a sheet of construction paper for an older child to cut into the shape of a cross. The letters for the cross going DOWN will be L O V I N G and the letters going across will be G O D - the O on each word will be in the middle of the cross. Colorful glitter or other decorative trim can make this bookmark very special.



I CAN SHOW MY FRIENDS
THAT JESUS LOVES THEM.

