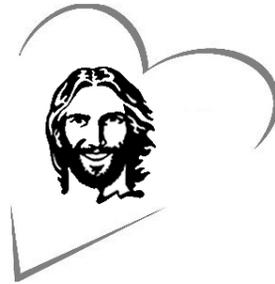


***Nurturing Faith...  
Every Day in Every Way***



May 6, 2018

**Acts 10:44-48**  
**Psalm 98 (4)**  
**1 John 5:1-6**  
**John 15:9-17**



***As I Have Loved You***

*Object: Lollipops or candy that comes in a variety of flavors*

This morning I have a bag of lollipops. As you can see, they come in many different flavors.

When you offer to share your lollipops, and allow others to choose the flavor they want, children can be very picky about the flavor they choose. My experience is that I almost always end up with butterscotch lollipops left over.

I don't know why so many children won't choose the butterscotch lollipops. Maybe it is because their flavor is different from the other lollipops. Maybe it is because they don't like the color of the wrapping paper on the lollipops. Whatever the reason may be, I always end up with butterscotch leftovers.

Sometimes we treat people the same way some children treat these lollipops. 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.

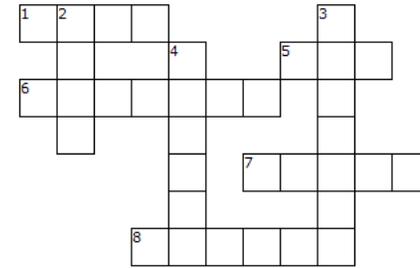
Have you ever been the one that wasn't chosen? It isn't a very good feeling, is it? We all need to remember that Jesus loves ALL the children and He said, "Love each other as I have loved you." Jesus loves you just as much as He loves the other children. He loves us all!

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)

# Crossword Puzzle



**ACROSS**

1. To hold dear, to like or desire greatly
5. A state of happiness or delight
6. Someone that performs duties for a master
7. To gain knowledge, skill, or understanding
8. A person that you like very much

**DOWN**

2. To do what you are told; follow the rules
3. An order which a person is expected to obey
4. One who has authority over another person

MASTER	OBEY	LOVE	COMMAND
FRIEND	SERVANT	LEARN	JOY

**HEART WREATH:** Give the child a paper plate to lightly color and then glue or tape colored hearts (made out of construction paper or use heart stickers) all around the edge of the plate. Write today's Bible verse inside the middle section of the plate.



# JOHN 15:9-17



Love one another as I have loved you.