



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

May 19, 2019

Acts 11:1-18  
Psalm 148  
Revelations 21:1-6  
John 13:31-35



*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

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. What are some of the rules in your house? (allow for response) Why do we have these rules?

We must learn to follow the rules if we want to get along in this world. Living by a set of rules isn't anything new. Even Jesus knew the importance of rules.

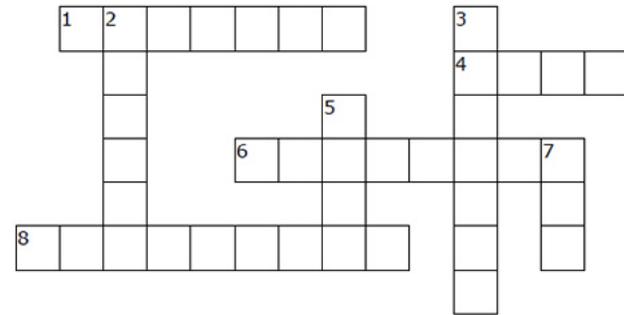
One day Jesus was talking to his disciples. He knew that the day was coming when he would return to heaven, and he was trying to prepare his disciples for the day when he would no longer be with them. He wanted to leave them with something that would help them to live in such a way that other people 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? It's easy to do if we obey his command, "Love one another as I have loved you."

Loving God, you sent your son Jesus to show us an example of true love. Help us to show others that love so that they can see you. Amen

# Crossword Puzzle



**ACROSS**

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

**DOWN**

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

GLORIFY NEW	COMMAND DISCIPLES	TIME CHILDREN	OTHERS LOVE
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**Activity:** On Post It Notes, Draw or Write Love Letters (God loves you and so do I, You are loved, etc.) and have children hand them out throughout the week. Let them choose the recipients.

**Discussion Question:** Jesus tells us to love one another. That's not always easy to do. What are some ways that we can show love to others? What about when we are upset or mad at someone? Can we still show them love?

**Family Table Prayer for May:**

Thank you, God, for the gift of bread  
For cool water and a comfy bed  
For all our needs that you take care  
And for all of your children, everywhere. Amen.

**May Memory Verse:** Exodus 20:12 Honor your Mother and Father so that your days will be long in the land the LORD has given you.

# Coloring Page



**Love one another as I have loved you.**

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