



Growing FAITH at home

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR B

Love one another



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CONVERSATIONS

Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

1. Share about someone who has been a good friend to you. What makes a good friend?
2. Jesus says, "Love one another as I have loved you" – how has Jesus shown his love for you? How can you show love to people around you?
3. Explore how Thursday's reading (Romans 12:9-21) prompts us in ways to love others.



BIBLE READINGS

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week. Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

S	John 15:9-17	Love one another
M	Acts 10:44-48	Gentiles receive the Holy Spirit
T	1 John 5:1-6	Faith conquers the world
W	Isaiah 61:1-11	Good news of deliverance
T	Romans 12:9-21	Love with sincerity
F	1 Thessalonians 1:2-10	The church's faith and example
S	Psalms 98	Make a joyful noise

VERSE OF THE WEEK

This is my command. Love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this: to lay down his life for his friends.

JOHN 15:12-13



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Jesus says 'Love each other as I have loved you'.

Try some of these ways to express your love to others this week:

- Write 'I love you' notes and place them in surprising places (e.g. school lunchboxes, under pillows or plates, in purses or wallets)
- Place a flower or small treat on the seat of a car before someone leaves for work or school.
- Make heart-shaped coupons to give to one another (e.g. shoulder massage, extra story book reading, a walk or play together, a cuddle, act of service)
- Write notes of appreciation, thanks and support on cut out hearts. 'Post' these into paper bags with each person's name on them. At the end of the week distribute the bags and enjoy reading your notes of love.



ACTION RESPONSE

Mother's Day is an opportunity to shower love upon someone who has cared for you. It might be your mum or grandmothers or godmothers in your life. Take time to recall, give thanks and pray for the women who have cared for you. Plan acts of service and love. Ask how they would best like to be served and make arrangements for this.



MEALTIME PRAYER

God at our table,
giver of bread,
bless us to love,
just as you've said.
Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
your love is so great. Help us to show your love for others today.
Amen.



BLESSING

May God surround you with his love,
and fill your heart with love for others.