

CATECHESIS@HOME 2021 #12

"LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU"

(6th Sunday of Easter)



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INTRODUCTION

This material has been prepared to provide families an opportunity to gather and spend time reflecting and discussing about the scripture readings of 6th Sunday of Easter.

HOW TO USE THE MATERIAL

This document contains activities that members of the family may complete individually (just the children), in pairs (with parental assistance), or as an entire family. It would be helpful to print a hard-copy, so that members of your family may carry out different activities at the same time.

WHEN TO USE THE MATERIAL

During the week after the family has celebrated the Mass of 6th Sunday of Easter.

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we have gathered here in the name of Jesus. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for loving me and laying down your life for me. Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Peace, guide us during this family gathering. We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Invite someone to read John 15: 9-17. Then, as a family reflect on the questions given below and share your responses with one another. If necessary, parents are encouraged to rephrase the information and questions according to their children's level of understanding.

Time of reflection and response:

1. Jesus says: "If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love..."? Why is it important to keep Jesus' commandments if we wish to remain in his love?
2. What do you feel about people who are willing to make great sacrifices for others or even give their lives for others? Why do they do this?
3. How would you describe "true love"? Have you experienced this type of love? Share and discuss.

The core of the Christian message is that God loves us! If we could grasp God's unconditional love for us, life would truly be an amazing journey. To accept that God loves us is also to accept the reality that God loves all others in the same way. This is why we are also called to love others as we love ourselves. It is clear from the Gospel too that we are called to love the poor, the excluded, and the marginalised in a special way.

Our love for others must not be conditioned by how they respond to us. Jesus loves us totally, whether we are good or bad or indifferent. Our love must have that quality too. This is costly love – it could demand a lot from us!

This costly love will bear rich fruit, whether we see it or not. Just so, Jesus' love bears fruit only after his death. Therefore, we must not be discouraged when our love seems to be wasted. True love never comes to an end (1 Corinthians 13:8).

(Source: <https://www.sacredspace.ie/scripture/john-15-9-17>)

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

Below you will find some activities for younger children, revolving around the first reading and the Gospel passage. Select the activities you would like to complete with your children, or try to complete them all if you can!

Activity #1: Find the words.

Love One another

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. John 15:12

Based on John 15:9-17



G Q R J N I L D R Z G F U R G
C O M M A N D D I M Y T E Z I
G F S Y J F W J O K H N Y O J
Q W F L F R U I T W S C P M I
C H M E R B W Q J F N R U P O
T L D R I K O B U S I N E S S
Q X S X E J U O E R N L A Y R
O A P R N E N B A I F L I S R
M J L B D I O E D K R V T E T
L A F O S A B Y M Z N N T V F
M D S A V V Y K N R A A U E E
Z H T T T E P W L V E L S F F
Y M N P E H H A R R P O I V Q
F F G P B R E E G Z H L H R I
R E M A I N S R V C E C D S A

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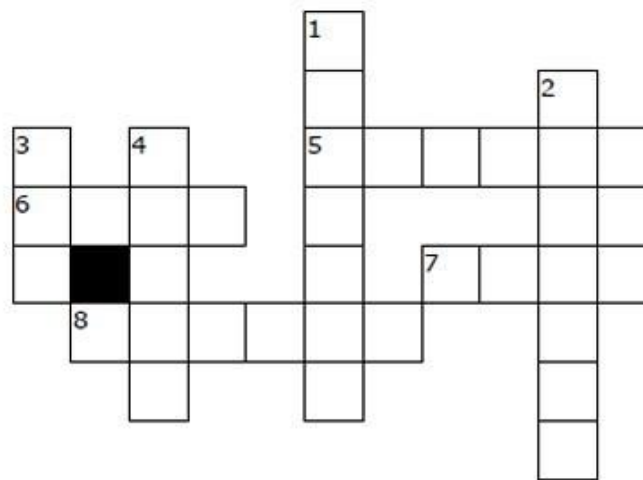
FRUIT
MASTER
REMAIN
CHOSE

Activity #2: Solve the puzzle.

A Heart Full of Joy

"These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full." John 15:11

Puzzle is based on John 15:9-17



ACROSS

5. One who has authority over another person
6. To do what you are told; follow the rules
7. To hold dear, to like or desire greatly
8. A person that you like very much

DOWN

1. An order which a person is expected to obey
2. Someone that performs duties for a master
3. A state of happiness or delight
4. To gain knowledge, skill, or understanding

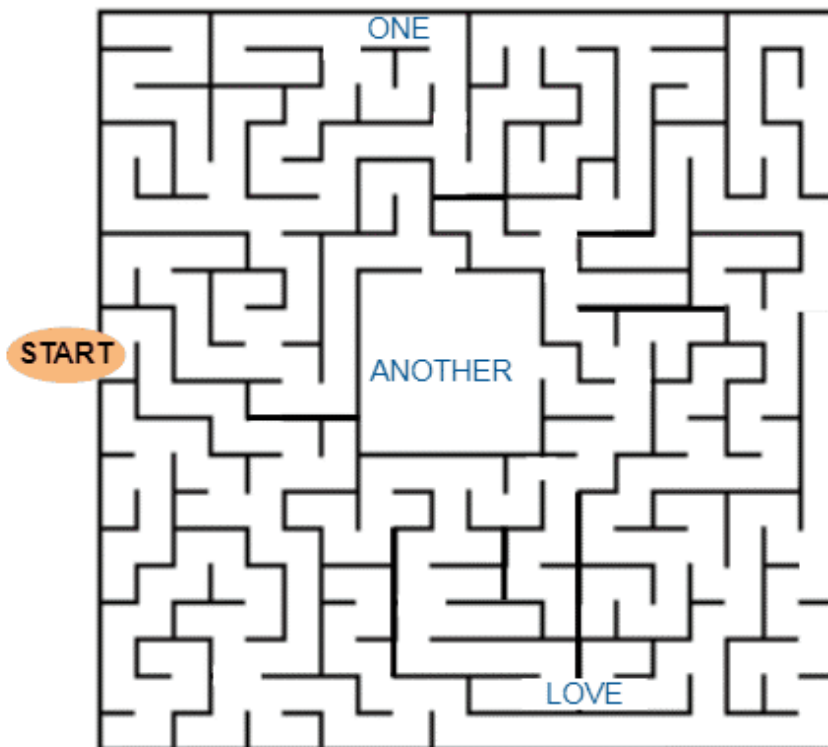
JOY	OBEY	LOVE	SERVANT
MASTER	FRIEND	LEARN	COMMAND

Activity #3: Find your way.

Love One Another Word Maze


Find your way from the start of the maze and connect the words from the answer phrase in their correct order.

Love one another. John 15:17











Activity #4: Find the words.

S	T	N	A	V	R	E	S	T	E	REMAIN	JOY	COMPLETE	FRIENDS
N	N	T	S	A	L	R	A	E	B	COMMAND	LIFE	SERVANTS	BUSINESS
A	R	D	N	A	M	M	O	C	S	CHOOSE	BEAR	LAST	NAME
V	A	E	Y	B	E	A	O	S	D				
R	E	V	M	F	A	M	E	A	N				
E	L	O	I	A	P	N	S	L	E				
S	N	L	Y	L	I	Y	O	J	I				
E	A	S	E	S	I	N	O	Y	R				
A	M	T	U	O	V	F	H	I	F				
R	E	B	E	A	D	E	C	E	L				



Activity #5: Break the code.

What did Jesus command us to do?
Use this code to find the answer.

 = T
  = V
  = A
  = O
 = R
  = E
  = S
  = L

" _____ CH _____ H _____

I H _____ D Y _____ U."

John 15:12 (NIV)

Activity #6: Cut and reassemble.

Jesus Said, "I Have Loved You"

Word Tiles

Cut the tiles along the dotted lines, shuffle the tiles, and have the student reassemble them to make the phrase.

AS THE FAT

HER HAS LO

VED ME, SO

HAV E I L

OVE D Y OU.

John 15:9a (NIV)

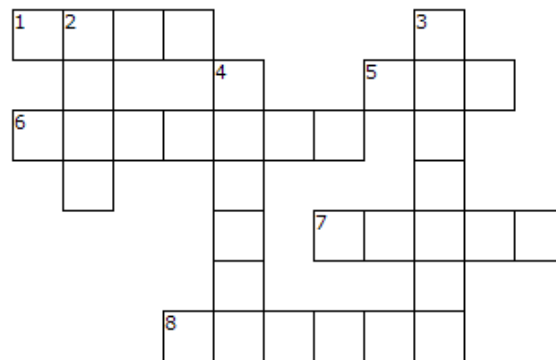
Answer: As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. John 15:9a (NIV)

Activity #7: Solve the puzzle.

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SERVANT	OBEY	LEARN	COMMAND
FRIEND	LOVE	MASTER	JOY

Activity #8: Break the code.

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John 15:12

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

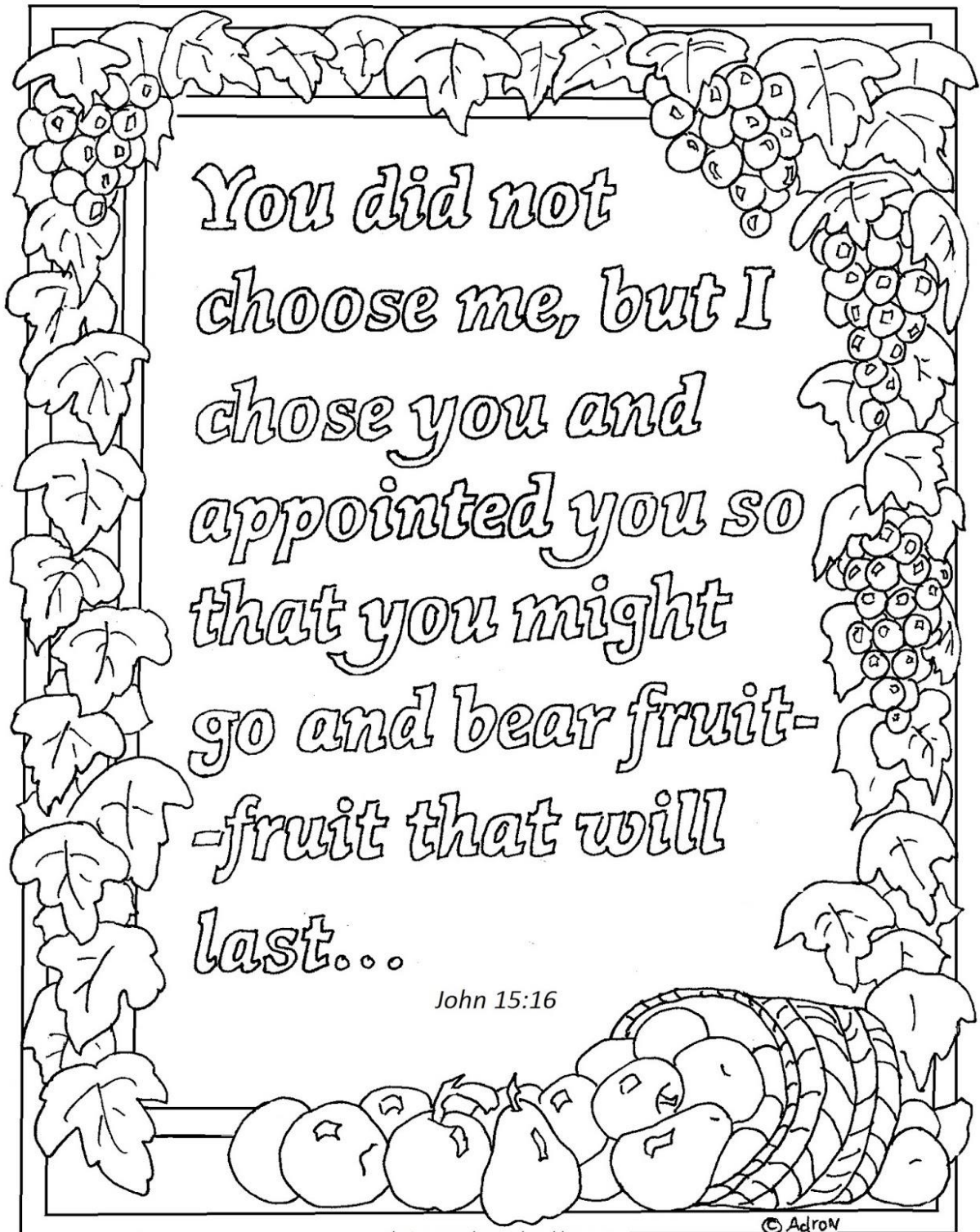


X	J	R	Y	D	G	O	V	T	F	E	N	H	Q	W	C	L	B	U	A	S	M	K	P	Z	I
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

1. 17-7-8-11 _____
2. 3-11-22-20-26-12 _____
3. 2-7-4 _____
4. 10-3-26-11-12-5-21 _____
5. 21-11-3-8-20-12-9 _____
6. 22-20-21-9-11-3 _____
7. 10-20-9-13-11-3 _____
8. 16-7-22-22-20-12-5 _____

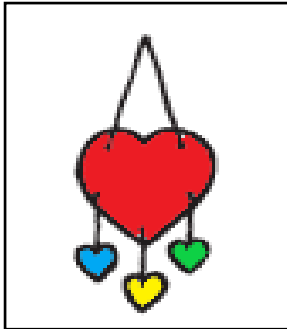
MASTER	FRIENDS	COMMAND	LOVE
SERVANT	FATHER	REMAIN	JOY

Activity #9: Colour the picture.



Activity #10: "Love One Another Activity"

BibleWise



1. Colour the hearts.
2. Cut out the hearts.
3. Punch holes through the dots.
4. Tie a short length of string as shown in the picture.
5. Hang up the finished project.

