

Sunday, May 9

Easter, Lesson 5

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Bible Story

Reflection Questions

Activity

Prayer

Key Lessons

- Unit theme: We live out God's love in the world
- Jesus tells us to love one another as he loves us
- Jesus' friendship can inspire us to be good friends!

What love looks like

No greater love than this

As Jesus was preparing to say goodbye to his disciples, he wanted to leave them with the most important teaching and advice he could. He called them his friends and told them to love one another as he had loved them. This was always and will be his greatest commandment to us: to LOVE!

A mother's love

Jesus said, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." Jesus chose to give up so much out of love for us.

Mothers sacrifice so many things for their children—including their bodies while they carry us before we are born! As we remember and thank our mothers for their love for us on this Sunday for Mother's Day, ask your mother what she had to give up to be your mother.

Preparing for the story

Jesus knew he was leaving his friends. What do you think Jesus would want to say in his goodbye to his friends?

What do you think the disciples would want to hear from Jesus in his final talk with them?

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Reflection Questions

Lower Elementary:

What’s the difference between being a servant and a friend? How do you think the disciples felt to be called Jesus’ friends?

How did you become friends with your friends? Why is it hard to become or find friends sometimes? When is it easy?

Upper Elementary:

What does Jesus mean when he says “go and bear fruit, fruit that will last?”

Do you have any friends who have inspired you to be a better friend to others? What did they do?

Have you had to say goodbye to a friend? What did you say?

Friendship bracelets

Make a friendship bracelet for a friend! You can make friendship bracelets by braiding together embroidery floss, or you can use old scrap fabric, like old t-shirts that you have grown out of. You can make yarn out of old t-shirts by cutting them into strips. For a basic friendship bracelet, you'll need three strips of fabric of different colors that are 10 inches long and .75 inches wide. Braid them together and tie tightly at the ends. You can also use jewelry endcaps and glue to make them more secure!

Give the bracelet to your friend and thank them for how they've been a good friend to you!

Bear fruit!

Did you know you can make your own homemade fruit roll-ups? Take about 3 cups of any fresh fruit you love (such as raspberries and strawberries) and blend them in a food processor with 2-3 tablespoons of honey or sugar and 2 tablespoons of lemon juice. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and pour the fruit mixture onto the sheet, spreading it evenly with a spatula. Try to get it as thin as possible without any holes. Put your oven on the lowest heat possible and leave the sheet in the oven for between 4-6 hours. You'll know it's finished when the middle is no longer tacky.

Let it cool and cut it into 1 inch wide strips along with the parchment paper. Now you can carry your fruit with you as a snack!

God of love, you teach us to love one another by loving us! Thank you, Jesus, for being our friend and for the friends in our lives. Help us to be good friends and to follow your greatest commandment to love.

Amen.



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April & May 2021

SUN	Unit 7: What love looks like
9	Unit 7, Lesson 5—Love one another
16	Unit 7—Lesson 6—Spirit brings love 2pm & 3:30pm Outdoor Eucharist

Pentecost Celebration, Sunday, May 23 11:30am

Happy Birthday, Church!

St. Andrew's Church School invites the parish to celebrate the church's birthday for **Pentecost on Sunday, May 23 at 11:30 am** in the church parking lot. Wear red, do a fiery craft and enjoy a family-friendly service. We will also be celebrating the conclusion of the program year for church school, Rite-13, confirmation and youth group.

In the event of inclement weather, the event will be cancelled.