



Friends of Jesus and Mary

Cycle B - VI Sunday of Easter,

Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Psalm 97: 1,2-3,3-4; 1John 4:7-1; John 15: 9-17

The Greatest Love

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love 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 no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

Reflection

Jesus declares how much He loves us. To the point of giving His life for us! But He asks us not to separate from His love. God gives us the choice to choose Him or not. What does Jesus say we need to do to remain in His love? (Keep His commandments.) Why does Jesus want us to remain in His love? (So the complete joy of Jesus may be in us.) What commandment in particular does Jesus want us to keep? (That we love one another.) Jesus says He chose us as His friend to do something in particular. What does He want us to do and why? (To give permanent fruit so we may receive all that we ask in His name from our Father in Heaven. We do this by loving our neighbor) How can we love our neighbor and give permanent fruit for Jesus? Share



Activity

On the following page, fill in the blanks of the Gospel with the words listed on the bottom of the page. After reviewing the works of mercy, write in the hearts how you can give fruit for Jesus

Prayer

Jesus, You love me with all of Your life and You chose me to be Your friend. You only ask that I share my love with everyone. Help me to never separate from you and to always choose love above all things. Jesus, I trust in You.

Song: Love One Another, Dakota Pyle (Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/LYlkcoAflU4> (3-7 yrs.)

Love One Another, Deer Run Kids, https://youtu.be/jysQNwalyIQ?si=WV92_17Yko683eC (8+ yrs.)

PPT: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RCwY4-VBgQ8QIS5-Xw3eufn0YWGDkmc/view?usp=sharing>

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Gospel of John 15, 9-17

The greatest love gives one's
life for one's friends.

Remain in my love.



Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my _____. If you keep my _____, you will _____ in my _____, just as I have kept my Father's _____ and _____ in his _____. "I have told you this so that my _____ may be in you and your _____ might be complete. This is my _____: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's _____ for one's friends. You are my _____ if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you _____, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who _____ me, but I who _____ you and _____ you to go and bear _____ that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: _____ one another."

Fill the blanks with the following words (some are repeated):

Friends

Joy

Remain

Chose

Love

Fruit

Commandments

Lay

Appointed

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This I command you: love one another. (John 15:17)

Draw or write in the following hearts, how you will love others today.



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Offences**



**Feed
the
Hungry**



**House
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Home-
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**Advise
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Doubt-
ing**



**Console
the
Sorrow-
ing**



**Give
Drink to
the
Thirsty**



**Care for
the Sick**



**Correct
the
Sinner**



**Bear with
patience
other's
faults**



**Dress
the
Naked**



**Visit
those in
prison**



**Pray for the
Living and the
Dead**



**Bury the
Dead**