



5th Sunday of Easter

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you."

'A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Some things to think about...

- What does it mean to love others the way Jesus loves us? Can you think of a time when you showed love to someone?
- How can we show kindness and peace to others in our school or at home? How do you think this helps people see that we are followers of Jesus?
- Jesus says that loving others helps people know we are His friends. How can you show love to your friends, family, or even strangers to help them see God's love?

Activity

Each make an origami dove (search instructions on the internet) or use a cut-out of a dove and decorate it. Gift it to someone you care about as a symbol of God's love.

Materials needed for the activity

Piece of square paper for each child
(alternatively a cut-out dove for each child)
Coloured pencils/pens

Teacher's Notes

Jesus says that we are to love one another as He has loved us. It is important that we understand how much Jesus loves us, so that out of that love we are able to love others.

Discuss the difference between conditional love and the unconditional love of Jesus. Jesus loved everyone, even those who were rejected by others in society. We need to love all people as Jesus loves them, no matter who they are.

The word for the Love of God in Greek is the same as the word for Charity. When we as Mini Vinnies show charity to people in need we are loving them as Jesus loves all of us. There are many ways that we can show love to the people around us on a daily basis. Mini Vinnies can show love to their friends and family, and can also share God's love with people unknown to them through the work of the SVP.

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