



5th Sunday of Easter

John 14: 1-12

Jesus said to his disciples, "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

Something to think about...

- Where is Jesus going?
- Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth and the life" and "Whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do"
- What does Jesus want us to do? How can we follow Jesus' example?

Activities

- Follow the Mini Vinnies' kindness maze (overleaf)
- Optional: create your own kindness maze using the blank template and give it to someone to complete.

Teacher's Notes

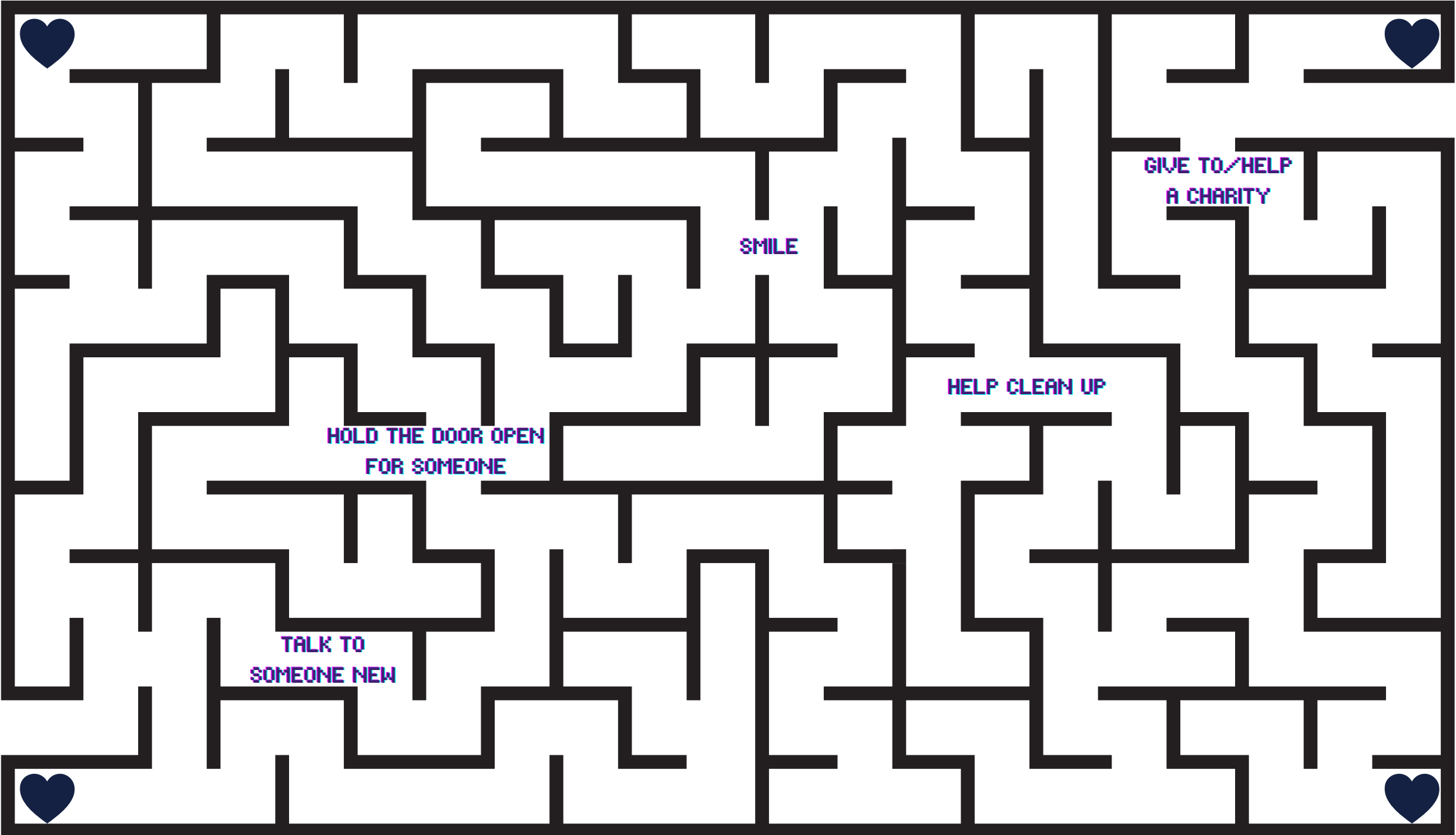
In this reading, Jesus explains to his disciples that he is going to his Father in Heaven, and that he is going to prepare a place for them. He says "No one comes to the Father except through me" - Jesus came to Earth as a human to help us connect with God the Father.

In this passage, Jesus also explains what he wants his followers to do:

"I am the way, the truth and the life" ... "Whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do"

Jesus' main commandment is to "love one another". This week's Gospel helps us understand that by showing love to one another, which we do as Mini Vinnies, we are following Jesus' example.

For non-Christian Mini Vinnies, it may be helpful to emphasise that the most important thing is to be kind to ourselves and others. These values, just like their school and Mini Vinnies values - are for everybody.



GIVE TO/HELP
A CHARITY

SMILE

HELP CLEAN UP

HOLD THE DOOR OPEN
FOR SOMEONE

TALK TO
SOMEONE NEW



