

Sunday 17th
May

6th Sunday of
Easter

RE Home Learning



Sunday Gospel (John 14:15-21)

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate. Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

Reflection

All of us have something we love and care about. It might be a pet, a special cuddly toy or perhaps a baby blanket we treasure. Now, if I came over to your house and watched you with it, how could I tell that you love your pet, special cuddly toy or baby blanket you treasure? What kind of things do you do to show your love? Have a think and share your answers with your family. I bet if you were talking about how you show love to your pet you came up with great ideas like feeding it, grooming it, playing with it, walking it. Perhaps if you were talking about how you show love to your special cuddly toy you came up with wonderful ideas like keeping it in safe place, including it in your games or giving it lots of hugs.

All of these things show you love something because loving isn't something you can just SAY you do. Loving is something you SHOW you do. It's a way you act toward someone or something.

So let me ask you a question: How can we show our love to God? That's a little bit harder question, isn't it? We can't show God our love in exactly the same ways – but we can still show him our love. Do you have any ideas about how?

In today's Gospel story, Jesus tells his disciples that, "Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me". The commandments are God's special rules. Jesus says that it's not enough to just tell God we love him. Instead, we have to show God our love by DOING the right things – just like you show your love to your pets and your parents and your friends. You may now wish to talk as a family about how you can show God you love him this week.

Prayer

Dear God,
We tell you we love you every day – but we know that we need to show our love too. Guide us and watch over us this week as we try hard to show you our love through our actions. Help us to make loving decisions every day.
Amen.

Reflection Tasks

Nursery and Reception



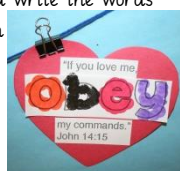
Option 1

God wants us to show our love not just say we love someone.

Your task is to create a picture or note to show the people you live with that you love them lots. You could cut out the shape of a heart (with adult support), colour it in and then write your notes on it.

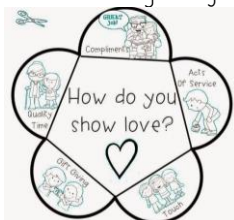
Option 2

Cut out a heart shape and write the words of scripture on it. You can choose any lines of scripture from the Gospel above that you like the most. Next to this is an example for you.



Key Stage 1

When we love God our relationship with him blooms just like a flower. Draw out a flower and then on each petal write a way in which you can show your love to God. This might be by taking time to pray to God or it could be by helping someone in need. It could be by drawing a picture for a care home. Through acts of love towards others we can also show our love to God as God is in each and every one of us.



Key Stage 2

Make your own finger puzzle. A template has been provided for you in a small picture below but if you need further help in creating this then follow this link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PAZKv_PVcn0

The outer sections can have different pictures of love on it like in the picture below. The second layer could have numbers to pick from and then on the inner layer write different ways to show your love to God. Pick one each day and see if you can carry it out!

