

We Show Love and Respect

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WE GATHER

✝ **Leader:** Let us listen to a reading from Paul to the Corinthians.

Reader: “Love is patient, love is kind. Love never fails. Faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.” (1 Corinthians 13:4, 8, 13)
The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

🎵 A Circle of Love

Chorus

A circle of love, yes a circle of love;
each hand in a hand, a circle of friends.
A circle of love that is open to all;
we open the circle and welcome
each one of you in.

Each person has something to bring:
a song, a story, a smile, a teardrop,
a dream, and loving to share. (Chorus)

☀ Who are some of the people you love? How do you show your love for them?



WE BELIEVE

We live in God's love.


God has given us many gifts. He has given us creation and laws to know and love him. He has given us his Word in the Bible and the Church to help and guide us.

God's greatest gift is his Son, Jesus. Jesus gives us a share in grace, God's life and love. We receive grace each time we celebrate the sacraments. We are strengthened by the Holy Spirit. We are filled with the gifts of faith, hope, and charity. These virtues are sources of prayer.

Faith helps us to believe in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We believe in God and all that he has done for us.

Hope makes it easier to trust in Jesus and in God's promise to love us always.

Love makes it possible for us to love God and others. God always shares his love with us.

 Circle every second letter to complete this sentence.

J L E O S V U E S

The greatest gift we can give God is our

_____.

What word do the remaining letters spell?

Jesus taught us to love others.

God loves us so much that he sent his Son to share his love with us. Jesus shared God's love with all people. He asked his followers to do the same.

Jesus taught his followers to love God and one another. He showed us the way to:

- pray to the Father
- live as a family
- be a friend and neighbor
- love and respect those who are poor, sick, and lonely.


Jesus loved his followers very much. He asked them to follow his example of love.



 John 13:34-35

Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35)

Jesus' **new commandment** is to love one another as he has loved us.

 For each picture on this page tell how Jesus is showing love. How can you follow his example?


Key Word

new commandment Jesus' commandment to love one another as he has loved us

We love and respect others.

Loving as Jesus did brings us closer to God and one another. We show our belief in God by loving and respecting him. We honor God's name as a sign of our love. Together we worship God. We thank God for all he has done for us.

Following Jesus' new commandment helps us to follow all of God's commandments. We try to love our family, friends, and all people as Jesus did. We respect and obey all those who take care of us. We also try to be kind, fair, and truthful. We share the things we have. We respect the belongings of other people.

 Underline the sentence that tells how you will follow Jesus' new commandment today.




We respect God's creation.

God asks us to respect his gift of creation. God created the land and the sea, the sun, moon, and stars. God created all the animals and plants. He created us, too! All that God created is good.

People have a special place in God's creation. God has asked us to take care of his gifts of creation. The gifts of God's creation are everywhere!

We care for the world. We protect all that God created. We work together to share the goodness of creation.

WE RESPOND

 Put a check ✓ in front of the ways you will take care of God's creation.

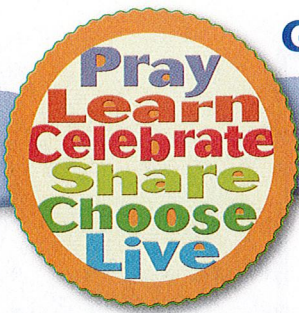
- Feed and care for my pet.
- Put trash in a can.
- Recycle cans, bottles, and papers.
- Turn off the water.
- Plant new trees.

Now add one more way you will help care for creation.



As Catholics...

The gifts of creation belong to all people everywhere. However, there are many parts of the world where people are hungry and thirsty. So we share what we have. We also help them to grow food and find water. This is part of what it means to care for God's creation. Find out what your neighborhood is doing to take care of God's creation.



PROJECT

Show What *you* Know

Circle the picture of the children following Jesus' new commandment.

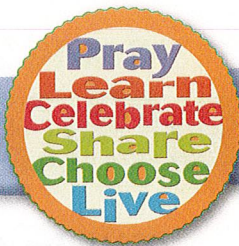


Picture This

Draw a picture showing a way that you respect God's creation.

A large, empty rectangular box with a purple border, intended for the student to draw a picture showing a way to respect God's creation.

DISCIPLE



Make *it* Happen

Tell your family what the gifts of faith, hope, and love help us to do. To help you prepare, complete this organizer.

The gift of faith

helps us to

The gift of hope

helps us to

The gift of

helps us to

love God and others.

What's *the* Word?



Read these words from one of Saint Paul's letters.

*"Love is patient,
love is kind.*

It is not jealous . . .

it is not rude." (1 Corinthians 13:4-5)

Tell how this is true. **Now, pass it on!**

Take Home

As a family share ways you have learned to be disciples of Jesus this year!

CHAPTER TEST

Fill in the circle beside the correct answer.

1. Jesus shared God's love with _____ people.

- all a few some

2. Jesus' new commandment is to love one another as _____ loved us.

- his followers his neighbors he

3. _____ have a special place in God's creation.

- Plants People Animals

4. God's greatest gift to us is his _____.

- Son creation law

5. God's gift of _____ helps us to believe in God and all that he has done for us.

- faith hope love

6. God's gift of _____ helps us to trust in Jesus and in God's promise to love us always.

- faith hope love

7-8. Write two ways Jesus showed us how to love God and others.

9-10. Write two ways we can follow Jesus' new commandment.
