

YEAR C

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

I LOVE YOU

VISUAL AIDS

- > Pictures of people, as varied as possible (different nationalities, sizes, shapes, etc.).
- > Heart shape cut-outs.

WELCOME AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Say/sing together:

**Alleluia, alleluia!
This is my command,
that you love one another
as I love you.
Alleluia!**

A reading from the Good News
given to us by John.
Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus says,
'My children,
I have something special to ask that
you do above all else.
I want you to love one another
as I love you.
By the love that you have for one
another

DISCUSSION

What is the one thing above all Jesus
asks us to do?

- to love others as he loved us.

How did Jesus show his love for us?

- by giving his life for us.

Do the children know of anyone else
who has done this?

What other things do people do to
show their love?

- get married and give their lives to
one another
- mothers and fathers give up things
for their children.

Encourage the children to offer
examples.

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SHARING

Encourage the children to talk about how different people can be:

- some are fat; some are thin
- some are tall; some are short
- some are brown, yellow, black
- some have two arms, some have none.

But each of us is made by God.
Each of us is loved, as we are, by God.

And each of us is asked by God to love the fat, the thin, etc.

As a sign of how we shall love others, let us offer each other a sign of peace.

(Sing a suitable song, if possible.)

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus tell us what, above all, he wants us to do.

everyone will know that you are my friends.

People will say

"We know you're a friend of Jesus, because you are just like him."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

ACTIVITIES

- > Have the children mime the ways that people show their love.
- > Give out the cut-out shapes.
- > On them have them write or draw something they will give up in the week ahead to show love, e.g. a TV programme, a game, some of their time, etc.

