

Year C - 5th Sunday of Easter

John 13:31-33, 34-35

I give you a new commandment: love one another.



**This week is also Laudato Si' week, scroll down to page 2 see the activity with the Laudato Si focus.*

Sometimes, as a disciple of Jesus, it can be hard to remember to love like he showed us. Even though we try really hard, sometimes we forget or even choose not to love others. One of the ways we can keep focused on loving others is to put things around us that remind us that we have chosen to follow Jesus and that following Jesus means making loving choices. The more we make loving choices, the more those choices become a habit.

These days, when we want to remind ourselves of something important, we might put a reminder in a phone or set an alarm. In times past, people used to tie a string around their finger so that, when they looked at the string, it would remind them of that important thing.

This simple activity, invites the children to use this old fashioned, visual reminder to help them remember to make the type of loving choices that Jesus made and which show that we are His disciples.

You will need:

- Coloured elastic
- Scissors

With the children:

- Cut the elastic to an appropriate size
- Gently tie it around the finger ensuring that the elastic is not stretched in any way and that it is not too tight

NB by using elastic and not tying it in a way that stretches the elastic, it should enable the children to remove the band easily and put it on again if they wish.



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Celebrating Laudato Si' Week

Start with watching "God and Dog".

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H17edn_RZoY

God made the earth and shows his love for us in all creation, including dogs.

Take a walk around outside and find one thing that you think is special and shows God's love. (Only go a safe and small distance with supervision and point out some things as you go to give the children an idea of what they can be searching for)

Come back in a share:

What caught your attention?

Why did it catch my attention?

Describe how you can see God's love in this thing.

