

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 3 see the craft 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 following Jesus and that following Jesus means making loving choices. The more we make loving choices, the more those choices become a habit.

This craft gives the children an opportunity to think about something in particular that they want to do to be loving towards others. They then create this door knob tag to keep as a visual reminder of what they are working towards.

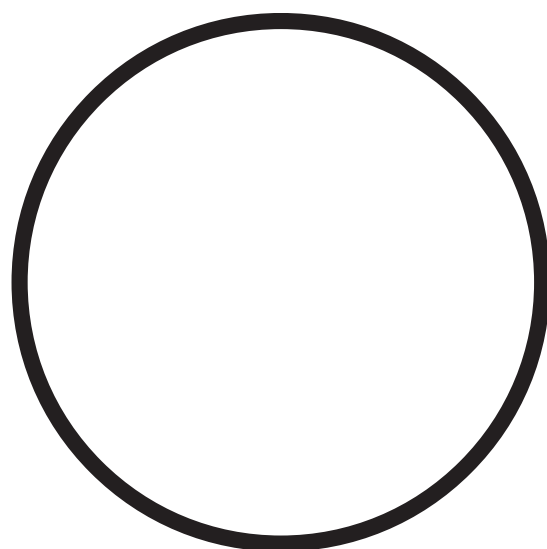
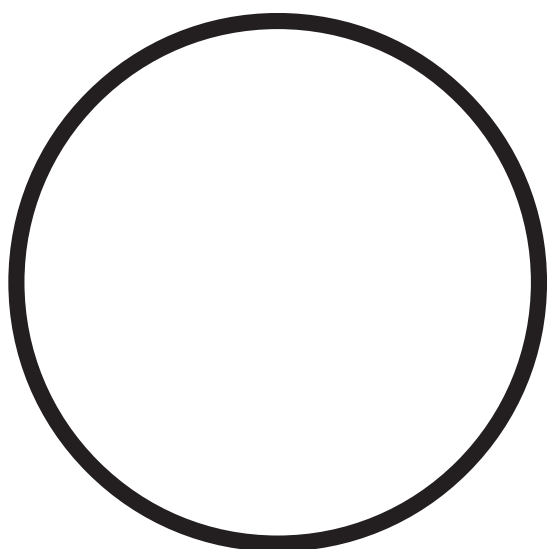
You will need:

- door knob tag template (next page, suggest printing them on card)
- colours
- scissors

What to do:

- give each child a door knob tag
- invite them to think about some way that they want to practice loving others the way Jesus loved.
- have the children write a message to themselves on the tag e.g. 'Remember to say please and thank you', 'Remember to share' etc.
- Then invite them to decorate the tag and cut it out (they may need assistance with the hole for the door knob).







Celebrating Laudato Si' Week

Human kindness and compassion are beautiful signs of hope in the world. We grow more hope for each other through our actions. If we act in a way that cares for the world, we will inspire others to also care. Here are 10 ways God demonstrates hope in nature:

- New shoots on a tree that has been blown over
- Sun rising each morning
- Babies
- Rainbows
- The loyalty of dogs
- Green shoots after a bush fire
- Dolphins in Venice during COVID
- Stars that guide explorers at night
- Bird song, especially Kookaburras
- Rain after it has been very dry for a long time
- Bulbs that flower after a long time in the ground
- Baby animals, such as chicks from an egg



Instructions

- On a leaf (have cut out green paper leaves) write one way you can care for the environment that will bring hope to our community.
- Pin or stick these leaves onto a paper tree in the church and encourage parishioners to add their leaves to the display. (Or different coloured squares that together make a rainbow)

You will need:

- Green paper leaf template (on the next page)
- scissors
- Pens/pencils
- Paper tree template

