

# Year C - 5th Sunday of Easter

## John 13:31-33, 34-35

*I give you a new commandment: love one another.*



This prayer invites the children to think about how the love of Jesus spreads when we love others the way Jesus loved and invites them to affirm their own commitment to be a disciple of Jesus.

### You will need:

- Cloth for a prayer space
- Globe of the earth
- One large candle (battery operated is fine if safety is a concern)
- Battery operated tea light candles (one for each child)



Arrange these in a prayer space with the large candle and the globe in the centre and the small candles around them. Leave the candles unkindled as they will be lit throughout the prayer.

### Sign of the Cross

When Jesus was born, the light of God came into the world. In all Jesus did, he shared the love of God with others. His love was like a bright light in a dark place.

*Light the big candle*

When disciples of Jesus make loving choices, they help the love of Jesus to spread.

If you want to help share the love of Jesus, I invite you to take a small candle but do not light it yet.

*Give the children a chance to collect a candle.*

One at a time, I invite you to say the words 'Jesus, help me to love like you' as you light your candle and place it close to the globe.

*Usher the children one at a time as they place their candle in the prayer space.  
When all the children have had their turn, continue...*

Look at what has happened to our globe! The love we share helps to spread more of the light of Jesus in the world! Let's finish our prayer by making the Sign of the Cross.

### Sign of the Cross