

Year A - 6th Sunday of Easter

John 14:15-21

Find the other half



Background

Today we heard a special message from Jesus in the gospel. He reminds us that He loves us, He will never leave us, and He sends the Holy Spirit to help us.

To help us understand this message even better, we're going to do an activity with some sentence cards.

You will need

- Copies of the set of today's scripture sentences (see following pages)
- Scissors to cut out the scripture parts.

Instructions

- Have the children sit in a circle with the prayer space and scripture sentences in the centre.
- After reading and discussing today's gospel, draw the children's attention to the scripture sentences in the prayer space. Depending on numbers, you may need multiple copies of some sentences
- Go through them with the children explaining that the cards are not complete sentences - either the beginning or the ending is missing
- Re-read the gospel, paying particular attention to the sentences on the cards
- Have the children choose a card, see if they can find the person with the other half and so complete the sentence
- When the sentences have all been matched up, re-read the gospel and have the children stand up as 'their part' of the gospel is read

Debrief

- Jesus knew that sometimes His friends might feel worried or unsure. So He promised them, not just once, but many times, that they would never be left by themselves. Even when they couldn't see Him anymore, He would still be with them in a new way.
- That "new way" is the Holy Spirit, who helps us make good choices, reminds us of what is true, and shows us what Jesus is like.



If you love me,

you will do as I
command.

The Spirit will
show you

what is true.

But you know

the Spirit

I won't leave you

like orphans.

I will come back

to you.

And because I
live,

you will live.

Then you will
know

that I am one
with the Father.

... you are one
with me,

and I am one
with you.

If you love me,

you will do what I
have said...

I will also love
you

and show you
what I am like.