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The Sixth Sunday  
of Easter  
9 May, 2021

**John 15:12**

Jesus said: My command is this:  
Love each other as I have loved  
you.

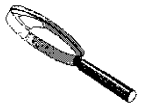
Dear Jesus, thank you that you  
loved us so much that you gave your  
life for us. Help us to love one  
another as you have loved us. **Amen**

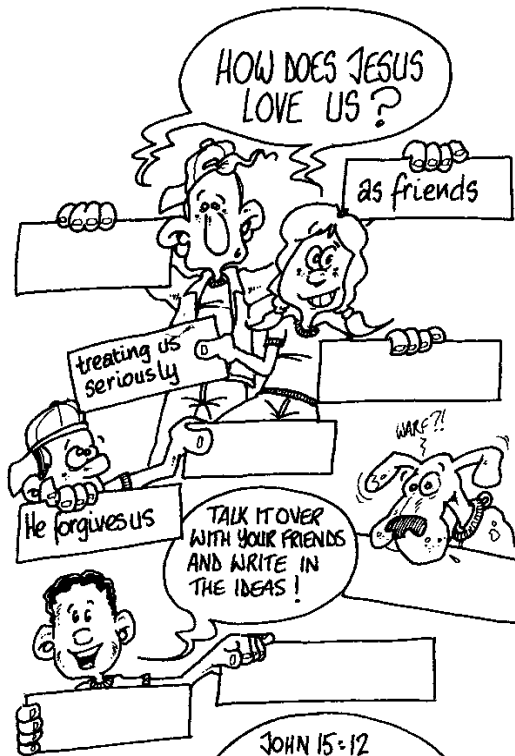


## Word Search: John 15:9-17 (CEV)



choose	command	everything	faithful	Father
friends	fruit	give	happy	keeps
love	master	obey	servants	speak
you				





**APPOINTED TO BEAR FRUIT**  
 HAD THE DISCIPLES APPLIED FOR THE FRUIT-BEARING JOB?  
 No, Jesus had chosen them.  
**THAT WAS RATHER AN HONOUR, WASN'T IT?**  
 Yes, a great honour. They would be working as Jesus' friends and colleagues - on his team.  
**QUITE A RESPONSIBILITY TO BE WORKING ON JESUS' TEAM, LIKE THAT.**  
 Yes, it would involve total commitment. It changed their lives. But it wasn't heavy and stressful. It gave them real joy.  
**MIGHT JESUS CHOOSE ME TO BE A FRUIT-BEARER, TOO?**  
 The fact that you're reading this means he probably has. Let him know you're happy to accept.



What does that mean about the way we should love one another?

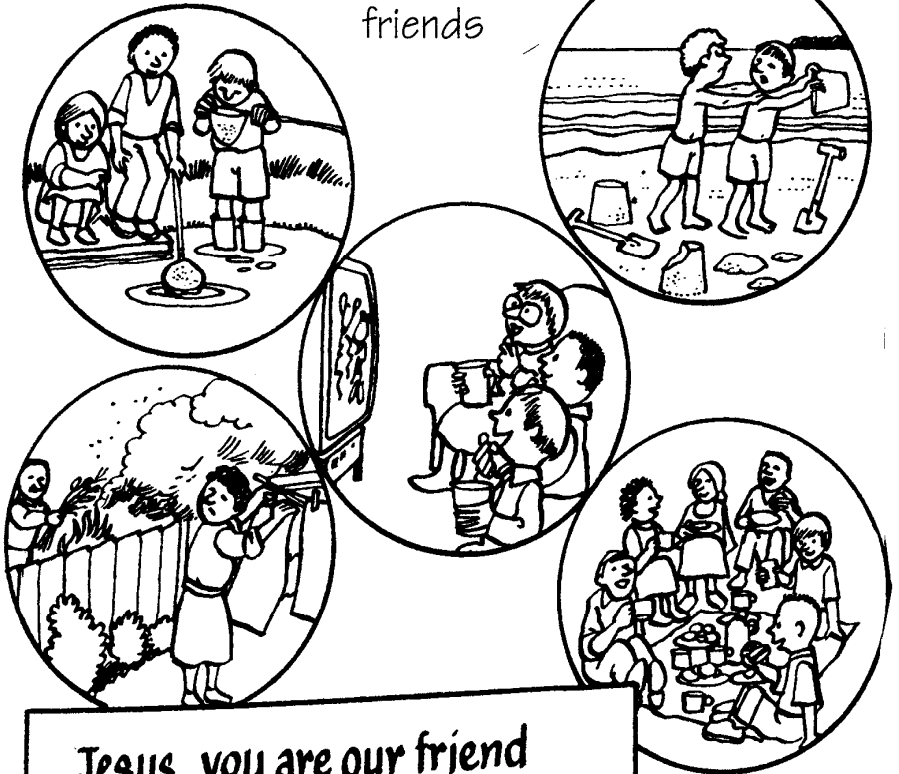
PRAY THIS REGULARLY, RIGHT THROUGH EACH DAY...

HERE I AM, LORD, READY TO WORK WITH YOU. SHOW ME HOW I CAN SHARE YOUR LOVE HERE ... NOW.

**DANGER ALERT!**

If you're getting scared by the idea of having to love others like that, and are afraid you'll never be able to, look up these words to put your mind at rest:  
 John 15:4-5    John 14:26-27  
 John 16:33    John 17:15  
 Luke 12:32-34

Tick the pictures of people being friends



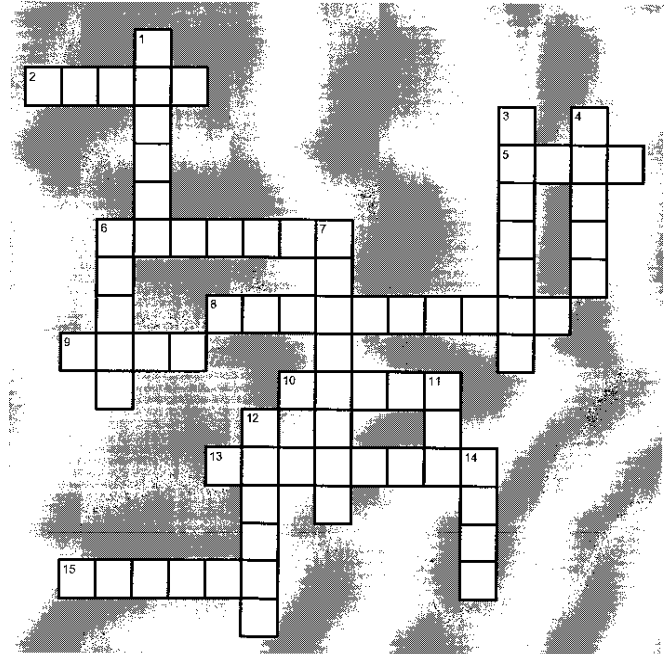
Jesus, you are our friend and we are yours.  
 In all we think and speak and do (point to head, mouth, then open hands) help us to love one another.  
 (Spread arms wide)  
 Amen.



Love one another as I have loved you.

## Crossword: John 15:9-17 (CEV)

Listen CAREFULLY to the Reading and fill in the blank spaces.  
Afterwards you will be able to complete the crossword puzzle below.



- 12 down) I have loved you, just as my \_\_\_\_\_ has loved me.  
 13 across) So remain \_\_\_\_\_ to my love for you.  
 4 across) If you \_\_\_\_\_ me, I will keep loving you,  
 4 down) just as my Father \_\_\_\_\_ loving me, because I have obeyed him.  
 10 across) I have told you this to make you as completely \_\_\_\_\_ as I am.  
 14 down) Now I tell you to \_\_\_\_\_ each other, as I have loved you.  
 6 across) The greatest way to show love for \_\_\_\_\_ is to die for them.  
 11 down) And you are my friends, if \_\_\_\_\_ obey me.  
 1 down) Servants don't know what their \_\_\_\_\_ is doing,  
 7 down) and so I don't speak to you as my \_\_\_\_\_.  
 2 across) I \_\_\_\_\_ to you as my friends,  
 8 across) and I have told you \_\_\_\_\_ that my Father has told me.  
 15 across) You did not \_\_\_\_\_ me.  
 6 down) I chose you and sent you out to produce \_\_\_\_\_, the kind of fruit that will last.  
 9 across) Then my Father will \_\_\_\_\_ you whatever you ask for in my name.  
 3 down) So I \_\_\_\_\_ you to love each other.