SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: Easter 6B

Please refer to Guidelines for Children's Addresses in Worship document produced by the LCA Department of Liturgics and Grow Ministries - download guidelines <u>here</u>.

MAIN POINT

Love one another just as Jesus loves you

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. John 15:12

AIDS

Pictures of Jesus helping others (maybe an illustrated children's Bible).

ADDRESS

Think about the people you know. Can you think of someone who loves you? How do you know you are loved?

Jesus loves you? Jesus loves everyone. He loves <u>everyone</u> no matter who they are or what they have done. This is really hard for us to understand because sometimes we don't always love everyone.

The Bible tells us about many moments where Jesus showed love.

He healed people who were sick. He cared for people that others didn't want to be around. He helped people who were on their own or didn't have any friends.

He loved everyone, even the people that aren't easy to love or help.

It takes a very special person to love people like that, don't you think? In the Bible verse today, Jesus asks us to love each other just as he loves us. He loves the sick, the poor, the needy, the bad and the good people. He is asking us to do that too.

How can we show people Jesus' love this week?

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank you for loving everybody no matter what. Thank you for loving me even though sometimes I don't deserve it. Please show me how to help those people who are hard to love, because we know that you love them. Amen.

You may wish to hand out *Growing Faith at Home, Worship Notes* or another resource before the children return to their seats.



