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Loving God, you called the Apostles to share in Christ's mission of telling all people about God's love for them.

Help us to take our part in that mission by sharing your love at home, at school, in our neighborhoods, and in the world. Amen.





Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

1 John 4:7-10

John 15:9-17

The above readings are available at usccb.org/bible/readings.

To Help You Remember

- 1. Peter visited the house of Cornelius and preached about God's love for all. The Holy Spirit fell upon all who listened to Peter's words.
- 2. God is love. God showed his great love for us by sending his Son to die for our sins.
- 3. We remain in Christ's love by keeping the Commandments and by doing what Christ commanded us to do, especially to love one another.

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With My Family

Deepen

In this week's Gospel, Jesus says that we are his friends if we do what he commands us. What does Jesus command us to do? What other things do friends of Jesus do?

With your family, create a chart titled "Friends of Jesus." List each family member's name on the chart. Post the chart near your family prayer table or on your refrigerator. Invite family members to put stars or stickers next to the names of those they see doing what Jesus commands or acting like a friend of Jesus.

Meditate

In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

With your family, talk about what it means to "lay down one's life." How do you do this for each other in simple ways each and every day? Who are those outside of your family who have shown such great love to you?

Share

Jesus concludes by saying, "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain."

With your family, talk about times you have not been chosen and what that felt like. Then talk about what it means to be chosen by God. What do you think God has chosen you to do?

Do!

Take the time to share your hearts with those you see doing acts of love or those you hear saying words of love in the coming week.

With your family, talk about whom you gave your hearts to and why you chose to do so.

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Pray

Continue praying as a family the prayer on the front of this page. Keep this prayer for times when you need more faith, times when you are tempted to give in to doubt.



