



Good morning  
everyone!

# Welcome

Today Jesus asks us to love one another as he loves us.

He talks about the importance of looking out for our friends, and how we can all be friends of Jesus.

Let's think a bit more about our friends today.

# Opening prayer



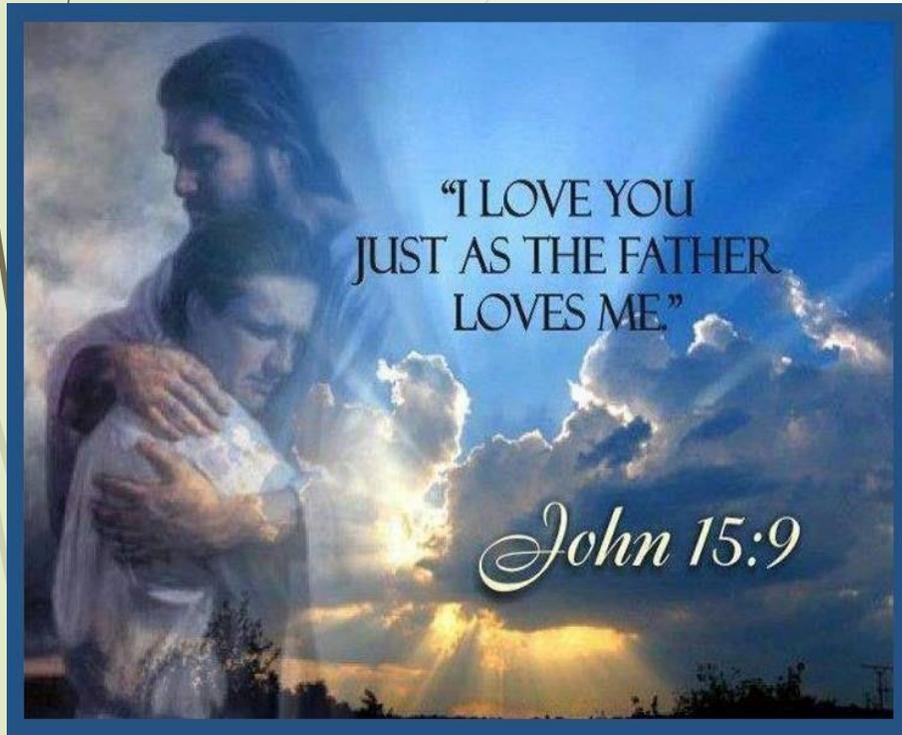
Dear Loving God,

God of joy, you loved us so much you sent your Son to us.  
Help us to love each other as you love us.



Amen.

# Gospel: John 15:9-17



I love you just as the Father loves me; remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you. The greatest love you can have for your friends is to give your life for them. And you are my friends if you do what I command you.

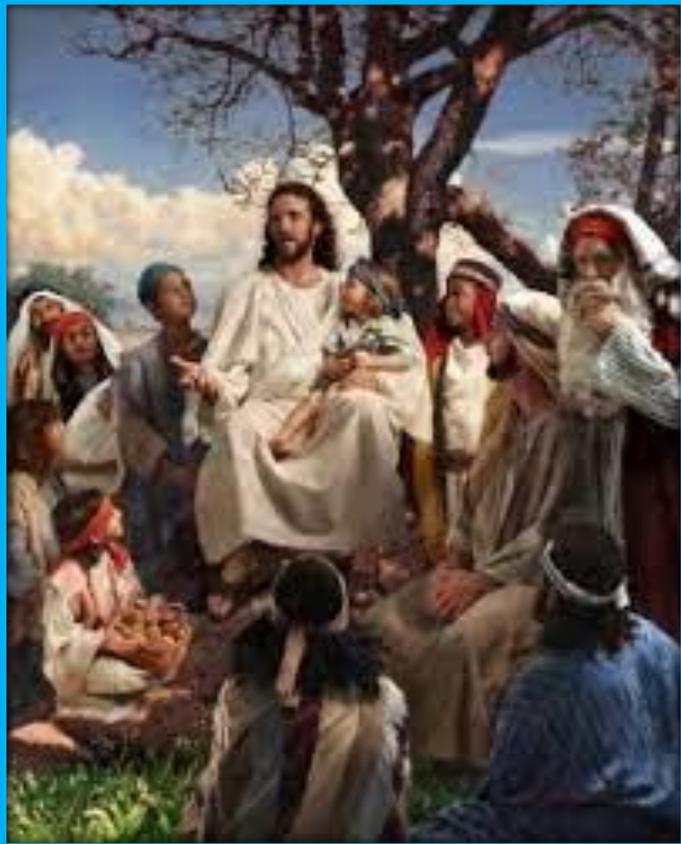
# Gospel: John 10:11-18



I do not call you servants any longer, because servants do not know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because I have told you everything I heard from my Father. You did not choose me; I chose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that endures. And so the Father will give you whatever you ask of him in my name. This, then, is what I command you: love one another.

# Gospel reflection

What do you remember from today's reading?



Jesus is telling us he loves us very much. How does it feel to know that Jesus loves each of us so much?

Jesus says he chose us all to be his friends, and we should love others in the same way as he loves us. He says that we should all do as much as we can to help our friends, and that if we follow his teaching, we will be friends of Jesus.

Who are your friends?

Can you tell your partner the name of two of your friends?

What do you like about your friends?

# Gospel reflection



Being a good friend.



Friends can make us happy and laugh.  
They help us when we find things difficult.  
They are kind and share with us.

Can you tell your partner something one of your friends has done to make you happy?

What do you do to help your friends up when they are sad or finding something difficult?

# Gospel reflection

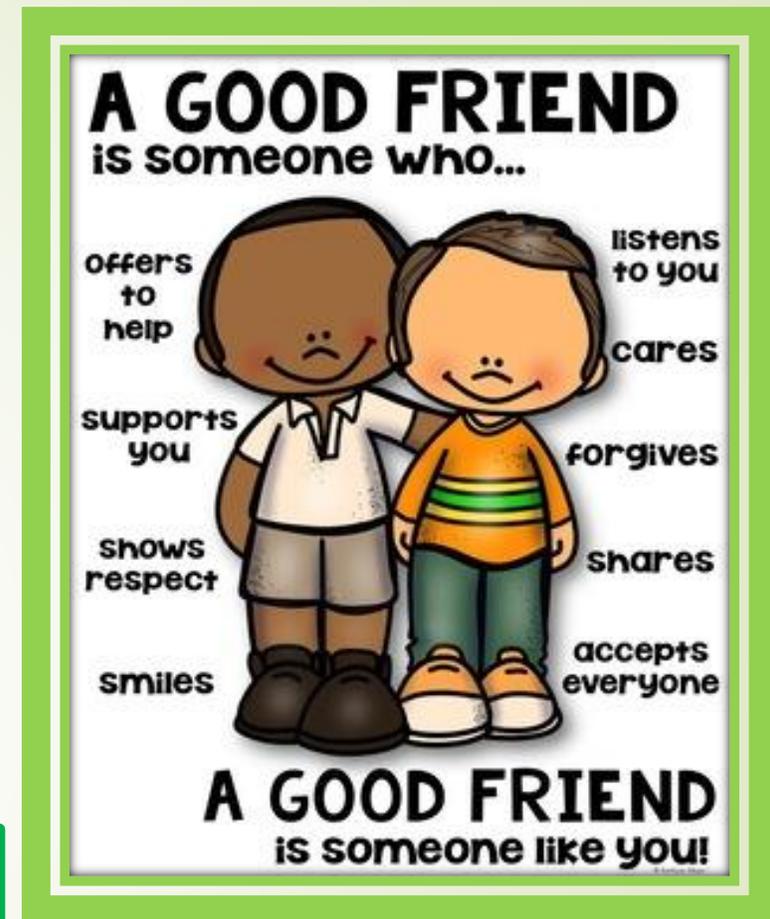
Jesus asks us today to love others as he has loved us.

How do you think we can do this?

How can we show love for children who live far away on the other side of the world?

How will you be a good friend this week to children in your class and around our school community?

And how will you follow Jesus' example of love for all people no matter where they are in the world?



# Let us Pray



Let us keep God's love for us in mind as we pray together:

We pray for all children around the world: that they may have the chance to play and learn with their friends.

Lord in your mercy...

**All Response : Hear our prayers**

We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may be good friends to each other, helping and caring for others especially people who are poor around the world.

Lord, in your mercy...

**All Response : Hear our prayers**

Generous God, we give thanks for our friends and the joy they bring us. Help us to be generous, loving and kind to all people around the world, so that they may know that we are their friends.

Lord, in your mercy...

**All Response : Hear our prayers**



THIS WEEK, I WANT YOU ALL TO BE GOOD FRIENDS TO CHILDREN IN YOUR CLASS AND AROUND OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.



*Have a  
Blessed Week!*

