

# KIDS ACTIVITIES

Sunday 16th May  
Sharing Gods words



“You gave me some men from the world. I have shown them what you are like. Those men belonged to you, and you gave them to me. They have obeyed your teaching. Now they know that everything you gave me comes from you. I gave these men the teachings that you gave me. They accepted those teachings. They know that I truly came from you. I pray for them now. I am not praying for the people in the world. But I am praying for those men you gave me, because they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And my glory is shown through these men. Now I am coming to you. I will not stay in the world now. But these men are still in the world. Holy Father, keep them safe. Keep them safe by the power of your name (the name you gave me), so that they will be one, the same as you and I are one. While I was with them, I kept them safe. I kept them safe by the power of your name—the name you gave me. I protected them. And only one of them, the one who is going to hell, was lost. He was lost so that what was said in the Scripture would happen.

“I am coming to you now. But I pray these things while I am still in the world. I say these things so that these men can have my joy. I want them to have all of my joy. I have given them your teaching. And the world has hated them. The world hated these men, because they don't belong to the world, the same as I don't belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world. But I am asking that you keep them safe from the Evil One. They don't belong to the world, the same as I don't belong to the world. Make them ready for your service through your truth. Your teaching is truth. I have sent them into the world, the same as you sent me into the world. I am making myself ready to serve. I do this for them so that they can truly be ready for your service.

John 17:6-19

The fancy word we use to describe things that are in a certain order is called a sequence. There are lots and lots of sequences in life and in the world. Some we might know and others we might not know. In the scripture story for today, Jesus is praying for his disciples. And in that prayer, we hear a sequence. And maybe it's a sequence you don't know yet. Here's how the sequence in Jesus' prayer goes:

First step: God gives words to Jesus.

Second step: Jesus gives those words to the disciples.

Third step: The disciples then give those same words to other people.

And you now what? The disciples did step 3 pretty well!

They told stories about Jesus and they shared what Jesus said so well that 2000 years later we still know a lot of these words

that Jesus shared. How this happened is that the disciples told their disciples, who told their disciples, who told their disciples and so on and so on.

What this means, of course, is that we are part of this sequence that Jesus is praying about in today's scripture story. You, me, and all of us are invited to be in the sequence of sharing the good news and God's words with others



## Pray

Dear God,

Thank you for Jesus who received your words and shared them with the disciples, who shared them with other disciples until we received them.

Help us to share your words, too.

Thank you and Amen

# Through Life's Maze

I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name. John 17:11a (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 17:6-19



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