

KIDS ACTIVITIES

Sunday 9th May
Jesus is the real thing!



I loved you as the Father loved me. Now remain in my love. I have obeyed my Father's commands, and I remain in his love. In the same way, if you obey my commands, you will remain in my love. I have told you these things so that you can have the same joy I have. I want your joy to be the fullest joy.

"This is my command: Love each other as I have loved you. The greatest love a person can show is to die for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I don't call you servants now. A servant does not know what his master is doing. But now I call you friends because I have made known to you everything I heard from my Father.

You did not choose me; I chose you. And I gave you this work, to go and produce fruit. I want you to produce fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you anything you ask for in my name. This is my command: Love each other.

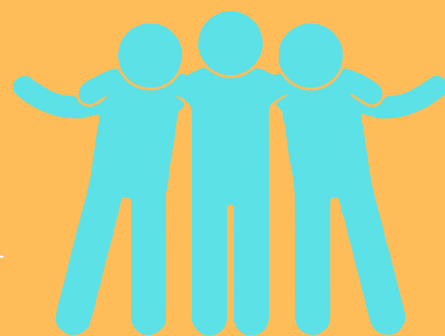
John 15:9-17 ICB



Have you ever been disappointed by something? Maybe you got a new toy and it wasn't what you had expected. Or maybe something you wanted to do got changed or cancelled. There are a lot of things in life that can be disappointing. In fact, even our friendships with other people can be disappointing! It's great to have friendships, and we of course do our best to be kind to others and demonstrate love. But we're only human.

Friendships can make us sad or let us down. But there is one important relationship we have that promises to never ever let us down...that's our friendship with Jesus! It might seem strange to think of Him as a friend. After all, we don't see Him in person or talk to Him on the phone. But Jesus calls us His friends. He told the disciples that they were not servants, but friends.

Well, we are His disciples now, and Jesus wants us to share His love and rest in His friendship. Jesus said that the best love someone can have is to give up his life for friends. That might sound a bit extreme...but it's exactly what Jesus did for us! We can be confident in His love for us because we know He died for us. Sometimes, sadly, our earthly friendships might disappoint us or not work out the way we hope. People might move away or change. But Jesus will never leave us. He is the real thing! He is the absolute best kind of relationship we can have. And even though we don't see Him face to face, we can pray, and read our Bibles, and talk with others who know Him. We can show that we are connected to Him by reaching out and caring for our friends and family. And we remember that He is the greatest friend of all!



Pray

Dear God,
Thank you for sending Jesus
He is the greatest friend we could have
Help us remember your presence
And share your love with those around us
Thank you for your love
Amen

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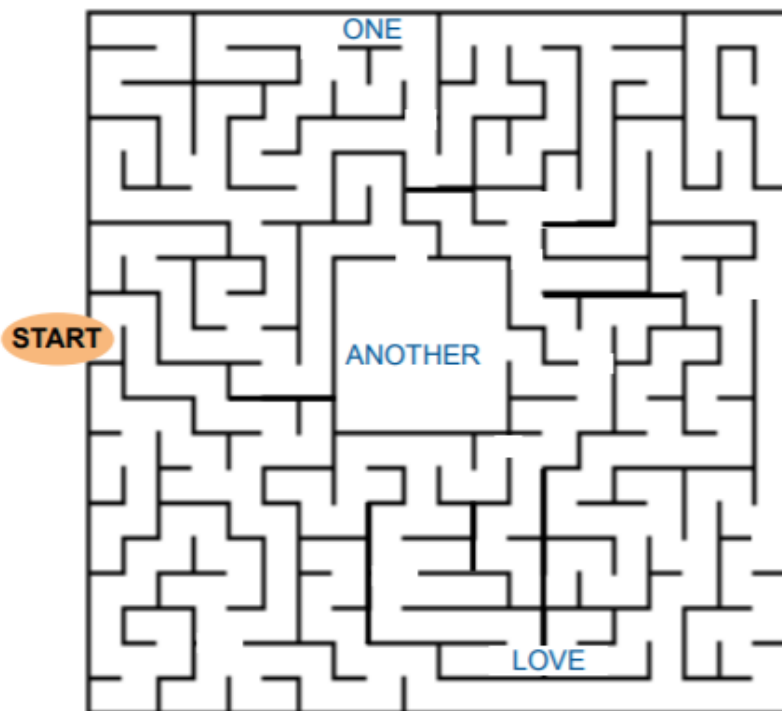
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Love One Another Word Maze

Find your way from the start of the maze and connect the words from the answer phrase in their correct order.

Love one another. John 15:17b HCSB



The True Vine

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.," John 15:5 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 15:1-8

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