

## Children's Page

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### Gospel - St John 13:31-35

When Judas had left them, Jesus turned to his apostles and said, "Now God's glory is revealed through the Son. It will soon be time for me to leave you, my friends, and you cannot come where I am going. So I give you a new commandment; I want you to love each other as I have loved each one of you. If you live by this rule, other people will see your goodness and love, and they will know that you are my disciples."

### Reflection

When Judas left the disciples it was to go to the Jewish leaders to make the final arrangements to betray Jesus, and Jesus knew this. The disciples did not understand that God's plan to destroy death forever was by raising Jesus from the dead to new life. God's glory would be revealed through Christ's resurrection after three days in a tomb.

Jesus wanted his followers to love one another. He showed the disciples again and again what it means to love one another. He was ready to serve others humbly by putting their needs before his own. He tended the sick and those who suffered. He welcomed outcasts and people rejected and scorned by society. Jesus did not make judgements and was ready to forgive with kindness and understanding.

The commandment to love one another is the foundation block on which we build our lives as his disciples today. Jesus calls us to put our love into living action by loving others. If we do this, it will be visible to others that we are following the teachings of Jesus.

### Prayer

Loving Father,

May we be faithful to the Christian name  
and worthy to be called children of God.

Amen.