



Sunday, May 9, 2021

A New Commandment

John 15:9-17



What's the Big Idea?

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

What qualities make someone a great friend? Loyalty, kindness, loving, spends quality time with you? Think of the qualities that you appreciate about your friends. Did you know that Jesus is our friend?! Jesus calls us not to be his servants, but to be his friends who help in working with him to love and serve the world.



Read the story!

This week's passage isn't in your Spark Story Bible, but try looking it up in a full version of the Bible.

Squiggles is on vacation this week!



Live It Together

A command is something we follow, similar to a rule. While rules can sometimes feel limiting, as we grow to understand their purpose rules are a way to help people to be together in God's love.

Every home has rules. Set a timer for two minutes. On a blank paper, write as many rules in your home as you can think of. Stop when the timer sounds. How do rules help your family live well together? What would be different if there were no rules?



Talk About It

- 1) What is good about having good friends and being a good friend to others?
- 2) While Jesus actually laid down his life for us, we are called to lay down our lives by loving and serving others. Name some of the ways that we can "lay down our lives" for others.
- 3) Jesus' new command is to love as Jesus loved. Is this command easier or harder to follow for you?

Pray: Dear God, thank you for showing us how to love and be a good friend. We admit it's not always easy to love all people, and we ask for your guidance and grace when we don't get it right. Open our eyes to the ways we can love others. Amen.

Memorize It

Have a grown up help you send a video of yourself saying this week's memory verse to Sarah to have a sticker added by your name on the Memory Verse Star Chart! Sarah sends a prize when 10 stars reached!

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. John 15:12

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Happy Mother's Day!

Mothers and mother-like figures are wonderful examples of people who demonstrate the type of love Jesus talks about in today's story — the kind of love that lays down its life for someone else. Is there a mother or mother-like figure in your life you'd like to celebrate today? In thanks to the person you'd like to celebrate today, color in the bouquet of flowers below and gift this page to your person. Don't forget to say, "Thank you for all the ways you love me!" as you give them this page.

