

Young Apprentices

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CATECHUMENATE SESSION: THE NEW COMMANDMENT

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God of Love,
your Commandments teach me
how to love and serve you
and how to love
and serve others.

Help me to live the
New Commandment,
loving others so that they
will know
I am your disciple.

Amen.



Sunday Word

Acts 14:21-27

Psalms 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13

Revelation 21:1-5a

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

The above readings are available at
usccb.org/bible/readings.

To Help You Remember



1. On their return to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, Paul and Barnabas encouraged the disciples to remain faithful. When they arrived in Antioch, they called the Church together and shared what God had done with them.
2. John heard a voice saying that God's dwelling is with the human race. God dwells with them, and they will be God's people.
3. Jesus gives the New Commandment: Love one another. Love is the sign to others that we are disciples of Jesus.

Shared God's Love with Me



This week, make a list of those who show God's love to you and write down how they did so.

Showed God's Love to Others



This week, keep track of how you show God's love to others. Make a list here of the things you say and do.

With My Family



We Listen

Jesus gives us a New Commandment. Can you name it? Can you do it?

We Believe

The Ten Commandments are Laws given by God to help us live good lives. The first three Commandments teach us to love and serve God. The other seven Commandments teach us how to love and serve others. Then Jesus gives us a New Commandment: the Law of Love.

We Live As Disciples

Every act of love and kindness is a sign of God's love. When others see us acting out of love, they know we are Jesus' disciples. Every day this week, show others that you are a follower of Jesus. Keep a list of what you do each day. Write your list in the **Showed God's Love to Others** box or on another piece of paper. You might also want to post on your refrigerator a list that all family members can add to and see.

We Pray

Pray the Act of Love:

O Lord God, I love you above all things and I love my neighbor for your sake because you are the highest, infinite, and perfect good, worthy of all my love. In this love I intend to live and die. Amen.