



Growing FAITH at home

FIFTH
SUNDAY
OF EASTER

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Love one
another



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CONVERSATIONS

Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

1. Talk about what makes you feel loved. Talk about a time someone in the household showed love to you.
2. How is love at work in conflict, when we disagree or don't get our own way?
3. How can you show love today?



BIBLE READINGS

*Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.*

S	John 13:31-35	Love one another
M	Mark 12:28-34	The greatest commandment
T	John 15:9-17	Remaining in Christ's love
W	1 John 4:7-21	God's love and ours
T	Matthew 5:43-48	Love your enemies
F	Revelation 21: 1-6	The new Jerusalem
S	Psalms 148	He has made his people strong

VERSE OF THE WEEK

"So now I am giving you a new commandment:
love each other. Just as I have loved you,
you should love each other. Your love for one
another will prove to the world that you are
my disciples."

JOHN 13:34-35



CREATIVE RESPONSE

In his book *The Five Love Languages of Children*, Gary Chapman explains that children are designed by God to give and receive love in different ways. What says "I love you" to one child may not speak as powerfully to another. Chapman suggests that there are five particular love languages that parents need to be aware of: Words of Affirmation; Quality Time; Gifts; Acts of Service; Physical Touch.

The following can help you determine your child's primary love language:

- Observe how your child expresses love to you
- Observe how your child expresses love to others
- Listen to what your child requests most often
- Listen to your child's most frequent complaints
- Give your child a choice between two options and observe which they choose
- Look for how each family member expresses love

Learn more about your own love language at
www.5lovelanguages.com



ACTION RESPONSE

Talk together as a household about what makes one another feel most loved (e.g. a hug, an act of service, a kind word or note, a gift).

Write up a list of these for each person and put them on the fridge. Focus this week on performing acts of love towards one another.



MEALTIME PRAYER

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies;
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
God of all, to you we raise, a prayer of grateful praise.
Amen.



PRAYER

Lord, thank you for your love. Help us to love one another. Amen.



BLESSING

May God's love flow through you to others.