

Chapter 23

Love Jesus

Let us love one another, because God is love.

1 John 4:7

For the Parents:

In chapter 23 your child learned to:

- Describe ways to share God’s love with others
- Explain simply the parable of the seed and the good ground
- Explain what Jesus’ law of love is

Throughout the Gospels we hear the command from Jesus to love one another, to care for the poor and lowly, to comfort and forgive, and to serve and look to the needs of others. Jesus asks this of his followers, not always by words, but by his actions as well. Jesus shows what God is like by loving as God loves. By Jesus’ example and by his teaching, believers discover God’s love and are called to a loving response. It is not necessary to earn God’s love. Rather, it is because of God’s love that believers become aware of their capacity to love and are empowered to live lives of holiness and service. Saint Thomas Aquinas states, “To love is to will the good of another.” Loves means caring more for the needs of others than for one’s own needs or desires. Jesus models this kind of love in his life, death, and resurrection. His followers do the same.

With Your Child:

1. Make a family plan to help someone in need. Be sure to work together.
2. Talk about how you can show love to one another in your family. Sharing love in a family also shows that you love Jesus.
3. Read about Martha and Mary on the Review and Explore page.