

FAITH

TRUSTING IN WHAT
YOU CAN'T SEE

BECAUSE OF WHAT
YOU CAN SEE

WEEK **4**
1st

BOTTOM LINE: Knowing Jesus changes the way you see others.

Read John 13:34-35

DAY
1

Brand New!

When was the last time you received something new? Write your answer or draw it in the space below.

It's fun to receive new things, especially when something gets broken or totally worn out. Jesus gave a NEW command to His friends. What was it? (Look back at today's verse for help.)

YES! Jesus gave a new command or instruction to love one another. Why? Because when we love like Jesus loves, that's like doing something totally new! Ask Jesus to help you see the people around you the way he does so that you can love like He loves.

DAY
3

I Can See Clearly Now

Do you wear glasses? Do you have a friend that does? Why do people wear glasses? Yes, to help them see clearly.

Jesus left heaven to come to earth to show everyone how much God loves them. Jesus gave His life, choosing to die on the cross, not just for you but for every single person ever! He came to help us see others the way HE does. Glasses can help you see more clearly. Knowing Jesus loves you can help YOU see others more clearly, too.

Grab some sunglasses (or your own glasses) and read today's verse again. Then walk around your house or your neighborhood. As you see people walk by, say, "That person is loved by God." Ask God to help you see others the way He sees them.

DAY
2

A NEW Kind of Love

Is it easier to say you love or to show you love? Saying "I love you" is pretty easy. But showing love requires some work.

On another sheet of paper, write down some ways you could choose to show love in the following situations:

1. A girl in your class pushed to the front of the line, but you were there first.

2. Your little brother broke your brand-new LEGO® creation by accident.

3. A kid on the playground called you a mean name in front of everyone.

When someone isn't being loving to us, it's hard to show love back. But guess what? Love shouldn't be based on what others do. Our love should be based on what Jesus has done! Because Jesus loves you, you can show love to others. This week, when someone is unkind, quickly bow your head and ask God to help you show love instead of getting even. Ask God to give you faith to trust Him and love others with your actions and your words.

DAY
4

Fill in Your Name

Write your name in every blank below. Then repeat this week's verse aloud as written:

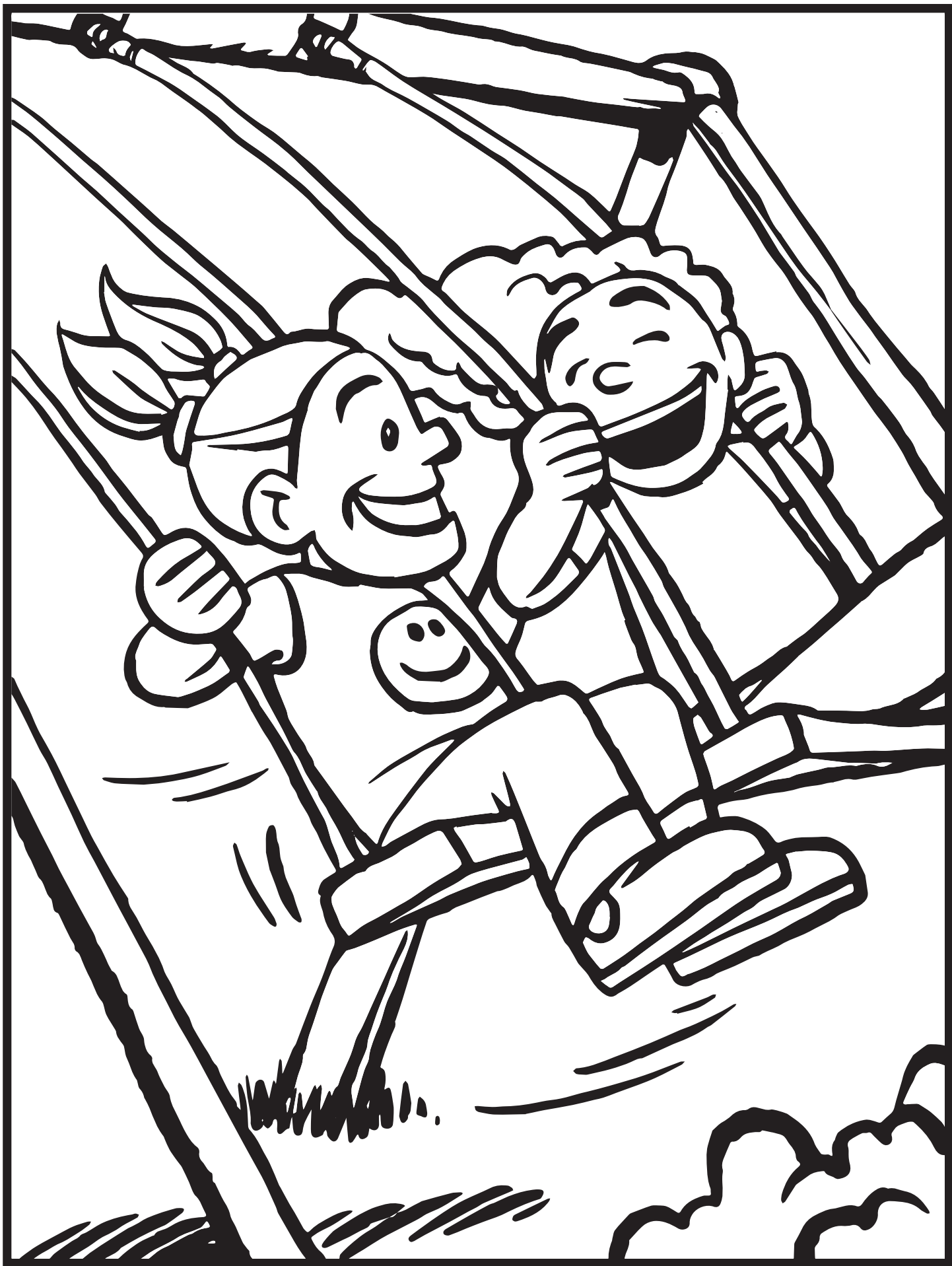
"I give _____ a new command. Love one another.
_____ must

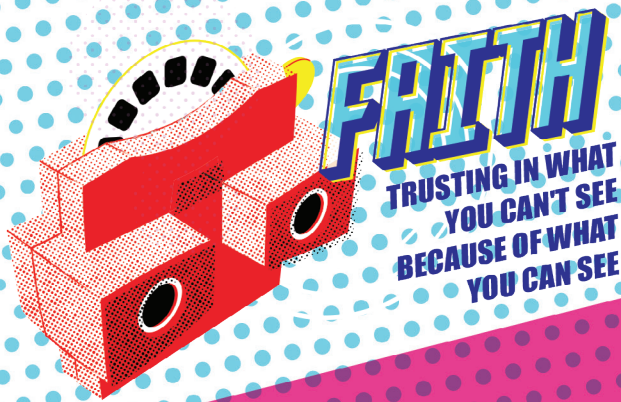
love one another, just as I have loved
_____. If _____

loves one another, everyone will know
_____ is my disciple."

John 13:34-35

Loving others isn't easy. That's why faith is so important! God sent Jesus, His Son, to show us how to love. So this week, when you're tempted to stay angry or get even or just ignore someone you know God is asking you to love, ask Jesus to help you love others like He loves you.





READ COLOSSIANS 3:9-11

DAY 1

Go find the darkest pair of sunglasses you have—maybe you can even borrow some from your mom or dad. Put them on inside and notice how it makes everything look so much closer to the same color. Putting on the glasses gives you a new perspective and makes everything look pretty similar.

Just like today, when Jesus was on the earth, people weren't always great about loving everyone and realizing that everyone is equally loved by God. But Jesus showed us what it means to love each other by the way He treated everyone—Pharisee and sinner, Jew and Gentile, adult and child—the same. And when we follow Jesus, we will see others the way He does: with love for all.

Listen to what God says about His children: we are equal in His sight.

READ EPHESIANS 4:32

DAY 2

Jesus came to be your Savior, but He also came to be the Savior of your best friend, your little brother, your mom, and yes, even your enemy. Remembering that God loves ____Y ____N ____ and sent His Son to die for ____V _____ can change how you view E ____O _____. It means you need to forgive _____R _____, and be kind to ____E____E.

(Hint: the same word belongs in all the spaces above.)

Ask God to help you see others the way He does.



READ ROMANS 12:10

DAY 3

Knowing Jesus changes the way you see others, and the way you see yourself too. Instead of seeing yourself as the most important, you realize you should put others first.

All day today, put your focus on others. Instead of taking the bathroom first, let your sister have the mirror. When you want the last bowl of cereal, let your brother have first dibs instead. Instead of waiting for your mom to remind you to pick up your dirty clothes, put them in the hamper on your own.

Ask God to help you see others as worthy of honor.

READ 1 PETER 2:17

DAY 4

Did you put others first all day yesterday? How did it feel to show honor and respect to others and put them first, ahead of your own desires? _____

There's a popular phrase that says "humility isn't thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less." That's kind of tricky to understand, but the idea is that you don't need to think badly of yourself to think highly of others—you just need to think of them more often.

Grab a dry erase marker and write this on your bathroom mirror, starting with really big letters on "God" and ending with very little letters on "me."

GOD
Others
me

Now, every day when you get ready, you'll see a reminder to put others first!

Know that knowing Jesus means seeing others as worthy of respect.

**Knowing JESUS
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you see others.**



DAY 5

Peter learned that God wants us to treat everyone the same. That doesn't mean we have to be best friends with every single person at our school. But it does mean He wants us to show everyone the same amount of respect and kindness.

Think about one person you haven't been so kind to in the past. Maybe you haven't done anything to them, but you've thought unkind thoughts or gone out of your way to avoid them. This could be someone at school, someone in your neighborhood, or even your brother or sister. (That's right! God wants us to treat our siblings with respect and kindness, too!)

Challenge yourself to treat them differently. On a sheet of paper, write down three things you can do to show this person respect and kindness.



DAY 1

Go to Studio252.tv and watch this week's episode of The So & So Show. (Click on Fun2Watch! then The So & So Show.)

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

SO & SO TOP 3

After watching, write one thing that . . .

1) YOU LIKED: _____

2) YOU LEARNED: _____

3) YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW: _____

DAY 2

READ ACTS 10

A lot happened when Peter visited Cornelius. Take out a separate sheet of paper. In your own words, write down the three most important things that happened.

God gave Peter a vision, which is kind of like a dream. God showed Peter that anything and anyone He created could never be “unclean.” God loved the Jewish people and the non-Jewish people the same. God wants *everyone* to have faith; not just the popular people.

Is there someone at school or church who is viewed as “unclean?” Maybe they’re not literally *dirty*, but they are not popular. They eat lunch alone and they are the last to be picked to be on a team or in a group. Based on what you read today, do you think God sees them the way you and others see them? How do you think God sees them?

DAY 3

Sometimes, it’s hard to be honest with God about things that embarrass us. There’s another word for that feeling—*shame*. And God doesn’t want us to feel that way. One way to fight the feelings of shame is to be open with God. This is one important way we can grow our faith.

Fill in the blanks below, then read the prayer to God.

God,

It’s hard for me to admit, but there are times I don’t treat everyone the same. For example, (talk to God about a time you didn’t treat someone the way you want to be treated). Help me to remember that you want everyone to have faith in You. Everyone, including me! Remind me to talk to You even when I’m feeling shame. Amen.

DAY 4

Not everyone hears from God like Peter did in a vision. But there are other ways to know what He thinks and wants.

Who is someone in your life who talks about God like He’s their friend? Take a couple of minutes to talk to them. You can text, email, or even video chat them. Ask them how they hear from God. You may connect with God in a different way, but hearing others share about their experiences with God grows *both* of your faiths.