



# Together @ Home



Lectionary Edition

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Here are some activities you could do together as a family. Begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.

## Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together God's Love.

You can find it in your Bible in:

### 1 John 4 v7-21

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your family.

The other passages we will be thinking about at church this week are:

Acts 8 v 26-40

Psalms 22 v 25-31

John 15 v 1-8



## A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you that you love each one of us and want us to be part of your plans in the world.

Thank you for showing us what real love looks like through the life of Jesus and for proving your love to us through His death, which enables us to be with You forever.

Help us to follow Jesus' example and his command to love one another, and in so doing, may others see You and Your love be made complete in us.

Amen

## Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

*How did God show His love to us?*

God showed His love for us by sending Jesus to live and die so that we might have a way to be with God and experience God's love forever.

*The Bible says that anyone who loves God must also love others. What are some ways that you can show love to those around you?*

A question for children to ask adults

*What are your favorite ways to show and share love with others?*

## Family Activity 1

Have you ever noticed that you have habits or phrases that you use because you have picked them up from the people around you? When we spend time with people, we can become more like them! When we spend time with God the same thing can happen.

Follow the Leader: In this easy imitation game, one player, the "Leader," begins by moving around with actions that the rest of the players must mimic/copy. Begin with easy actions like sitting down or putting your hands in the air. Then try more complicated actions.

The players who disobey or lag in completing the leader's motions are "out."

The last person playing becomes the next leader.





## A verse to remember

1 John 4 v 19

**We love because God first loved us.**

To learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week.

## Active Fruit

Galatians 5 v 22-23 teaches us about the Fruit of the Spirit, the godly character and behavior that the Holy Spirit helps to grow in us. When God lives in us and gives us the Holy Spirit, our behavior and character become more like God's.

Spend some time waiting on God together, pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you to produce Godly fruit in your own lives. Which of these fruits of the spirit would you like to see more of in your life today?

Love

Joy

Peace

Patience

Kindness

Goodness

Faithfulness

Gentleness

Self-Control



## Family Activity 2

**Make a tree:** Collect some twigs or branches and make a tree craft together.

You could use an empty jar, bottle or plant pot to support your tree.

Here are some ideas of items you could make and attach to the tree.

- Decorations with the names of Christian friends on. Use them as a reminder to pray for others that they would keep connected to God.
- Decorations with the names of friends who haven't yet come to know God as their friend and savior. Use them as a reminder to pray for them.
- Decorations with the fruits of the spirit on them as a reminder of how we can choose to live for God every day.

## Keep connected this week...

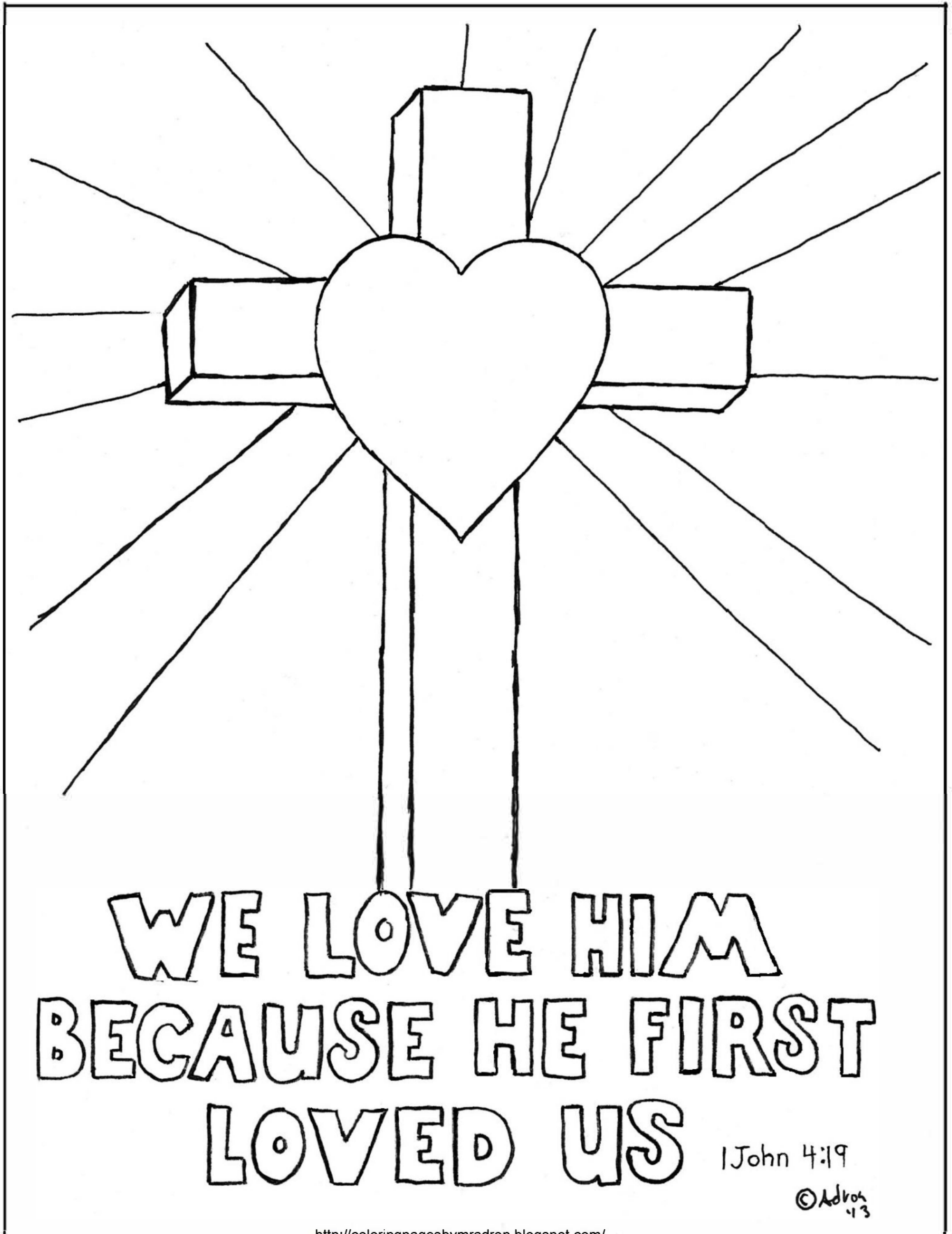
Here are some ideas to keep connected with God this week.

**Build connection moments:** The more we demonstrate connection in our own lives the more natural it becomes for our children when they are on their own. Look for moments which you can share with God – positive moments when you can bring thanks and praise, negative moments when you can pray and ask for help and support.

**Ask fruity questions:** Why not try and ask each day about which fruits of the Spirit you were able to show and share with others.

# Coloring Page

Thank you to [www.coloringpagesbymradron.blogspot.com](http://www.coloringpagesbymradron.blogspot.com) for this coloring sheet.  
You can find more coloring pages on their website.



# Puzzle Sheet

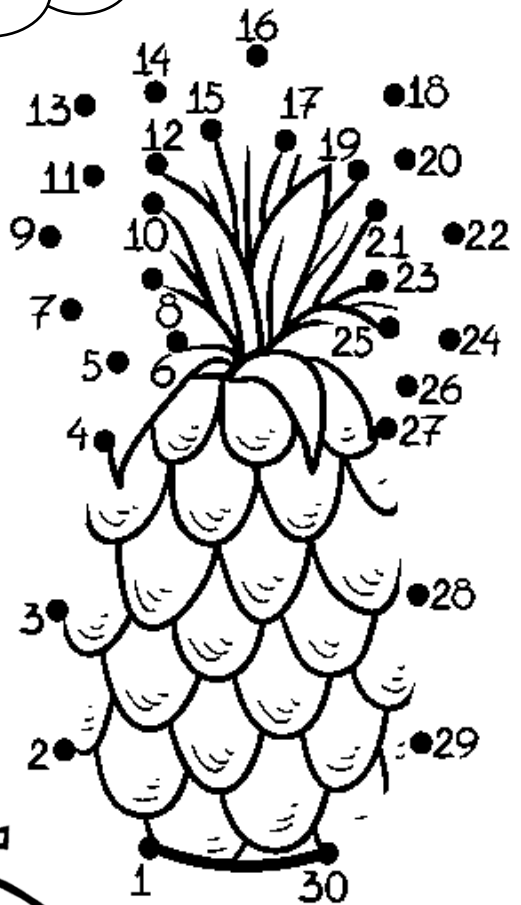
How many bunches of grapes can you find on the page?

Can you find all 9 fruits of the spirit in the wordsearch?

love      goodness  
joy      faithfulness  
peace      gentleness  
patience      self-control  
kindness

a b s s e d n i p o s y f  
a g f i l e s  
p d o a k i n s t  
e a r g o o d n e s s  
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y r f p y k s l a a b u h  
u t a p a t i e n c e s g  
g r i v o l p s d g s s f  
s d g o o j f s m n e s a  
s f a i t h f u l n e s s  
l o r t n o c f l e s  
a n a n a b g o o

Join the dots in order to reveal a type of fruit!



Can you find eight differences between the two pictures?

