

Good News



Jesus' Law Is Love and Forgiveness



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Who Do You Love?

Fill in the missing letters and circle the words in the word find. The words go across, down, and diagonally. The first one is done for you.

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Mean Manny



Olivia got home from school and went up to her older sister's room.

"Jane, Manny pulled my hair on the bus again," Olivia said. "I was so mad! I wanted to yell at him."

Jane hugged Olivia and said, "I'm sorry that happened. Did you say anything to him?"

"No, but he better not do it again tomorrow! If he does, I'll throw something at him. Or I'll pull his hair," Olivia said and crossed her arms.

"Don't do that, Olivia. That won't fix anything. Trust me. I was bullied once too," said Jane.

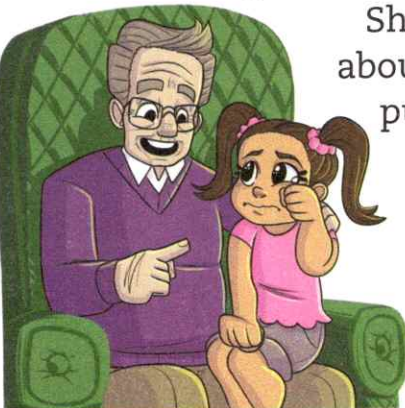
"Really? What did you do about it?" Olivia asked.

"Well, I asked the girl to stop being mean to me. I told her that she was hurting my feelings. She said she was sorry, and I forgave her," Jane said with a smile.

Olivia didn't want to forgive Manny. She went downstairs to ask Grandpa what he thought she should do.

She told Grandpa about Manny pulling her hair.

She also told him about how Jane had forgiven her bully.



"But I don't want to forgive Manny," Olivia said. "He isn't sorry for being mean to me."

"Can I ask you a question?" Grandpa asked. Olivia nodded her head.

"How do you feel when Manny is mean to you?" asked Grandpa.

"I feel mad! I feel sad too," Olivia said.

"If you're mean back to Manny because he's mean to you, won't he feel sad?" Grandpa asked.

"Yes," Olivia said slowly.

"If you ask him to stop being mean and forgive him, you can both be happy. Maybe you can even be friends!" Grandpa said.

Olivia thought that sounded good. But she still wasn't sure what she would do if Manny pulled her hair again tomorrow.



KNOW

- 1 How does Olivia feel about Manny?
- 2 What should Olivia do if Manny pulls her hair again?
- 3 How can you be kind when someone is mean to you?

SUNDAY GOSPEL

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 5:38–48

Jesus Teaches About Love

Narrator: Jesus taught his followers many things.

Jesus 1: Listen to what I tell you: Do not try to get even with a person who has hurt you.

Jesus 2: If someone hits you on the right cheek, let them hit you on the left cheek.

Jesus 3: If someone takes your shirt, give them your coat too.

Jesus 4: If a person asks you to carry something one mile, carry it two miles.

Narrator: Probably the hardest thing Jesus taught is this—

Jesus 1: Love your enemies. Pray for people who are mean to you.



Jesus 2: If you do this, you will be like your Father in Heaven.

Jesus 3: What is so special about loving only people who like you? Even sinners love their friends.

Jesus 4: Be like your Father in Heaven who loves and forgives everyone.



KNOW

- 1 Which teaching is hardest for you?
- 2 When is it hard to love someone?
- 3 What step can you take to become more like your Father in Heaven?



Connecting GOSPEL and DOCTRINE

Loving as God Loves

Jesus teaches us that we show God love when we love other people. He tells us to act with love even when someone is mean to us.

Jesus came to teach us about God's **mercy** for sinners. God shows us mercy when he forgives our sins. He wants us to show mercy to others too. We do this by forgiving them when they have hurt us.



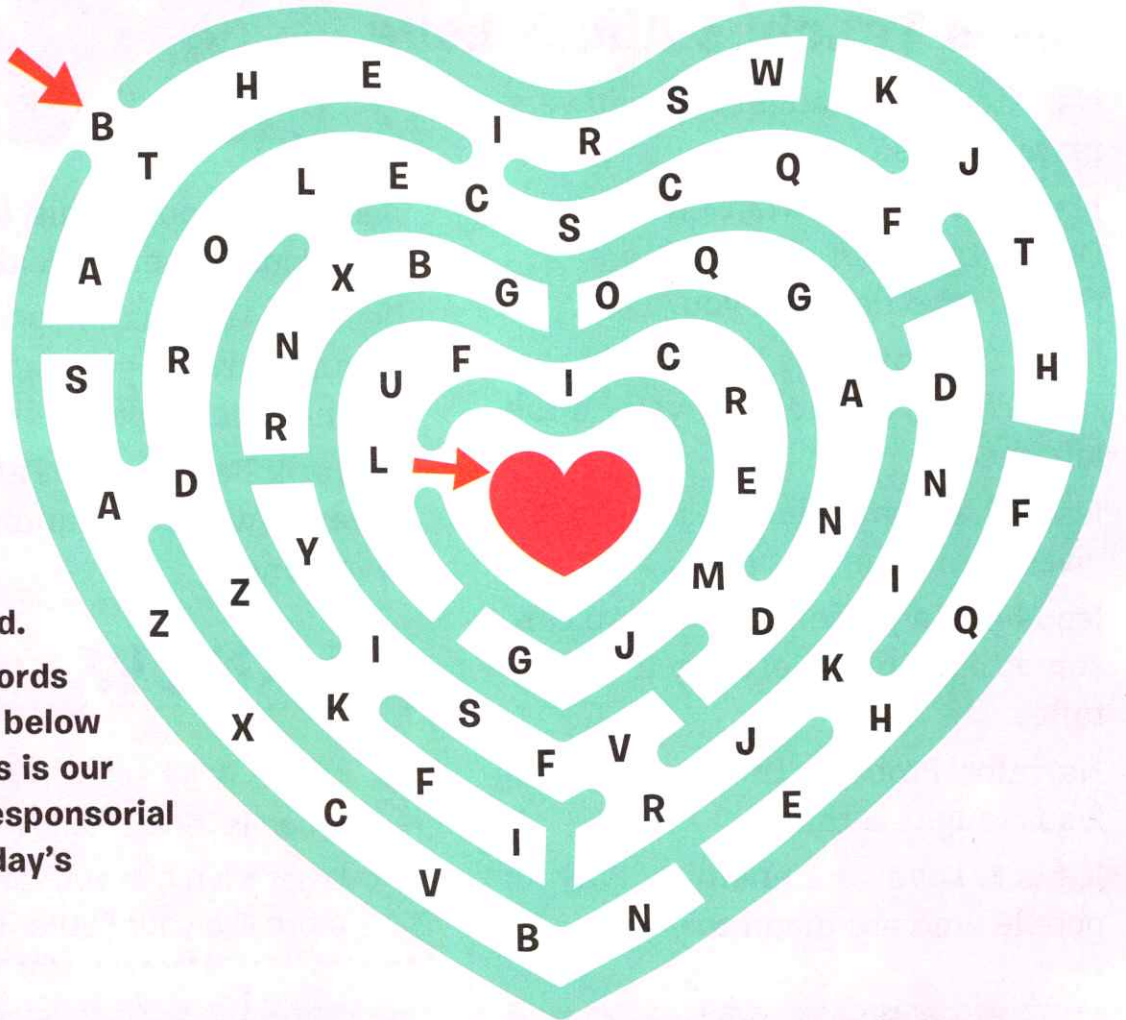
Go to page 32 of your Catechism handbook to learn more about Jesus' Law of Love.



Activity

God Shows Us How to Love

1. Trace the path to the middle heart with your finger.
2. Trace the path lightly with a pencil.
3. Circle the words you find.
4. Print the words in the spaces below the maze. This is our part of the Responsorial Psalm at Sunday's Mass.



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Catholic Faith Word

mercy Mercy is the willingness to forgive or help. It means treating others as God treats us.

For free at-home activities, visit [@](http://gospelweeklies.com/seasonal)

Family Corner

Question of the Week

What is a loving way to respond to someone who upsets you?

Family Prayer

Help us, Jesus, to remember to love everybody as you do. Help us to stay calm when we are upset and to be kind when we are angry. Amen.