SCRIPTURE

'Love One Another'

Begin by recalling the examples of the ways in which people can show love which were part of the *Let's Look* slideshow. Then tell the children that each of these people were doing just as Jesus asked them to do. Read the story, 'Love One Another'. Explain that it comes from the Gospel according to John.

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(*Adapted from Jn 13:34-35*)

Jesus knew that he had to go back to his Father in heaven. He also knew that he would still be with his friends in a new way. They would no longer be able to see and hear him as they could now do. So, before Jesus returned to his Father, he gave his friends a rule to live by. He said, 'Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my friends.'

Having read the story, check for understanding by asking questions such as, 'Where did Jesus know he had to go?' Then dig deeper using these or similar questions:

- Jesus told his friends to love one another just as he had loved them. Can you remember some of the stories about the people to whom Jesus showed love?
- Jesus said that if his friends acted with love, everyone would know that they were his friends. Who do you know that is a friend of Jesus? How do they act?
- If someone came into our classroom now, would they know that we are Jesus' friends? What would they see us saying or doing?

SONG

'Grow in Love'

The song, 'Grow in Love' (Track 1, p. 131) is an appropriate song to sing this week and next.

POEM

'Love One Another'

Read the poem 'Love One Another' to the children.

Love One Another
Jesus knew that it would soon
Be time for him to go.
So he called his friends together to say,
'There's something you should know.'

'You all have seen the way that I
have lived and how I've loved.
The poor, the blind, the sick, the lame,
I've loved them as God does.'

'Now it's time for me to go,
So let this love live on.
From the start of every single day
To the setting of the sun.'

'Love each person as though they were
Your sister or your brother.
Remember me by showing that
You all love one another.

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