

Kids' Chronicle

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John writes a letter

My Dear Christian Friends:

I, John, son of Zebedee and brother of James, was one of the first followers of Jesus. When my brother and I were fishing off the shore of Galilee with our father, Jesus called us to be "fishers of men." We anchored our boat and said "goodbye" to our father. We knew there was something special about this man, and we knew he was a man of God.

One time, a man named Jairus, an officer of the church, who came to ask Jesus to heal his young daughter. While the man was still talking to Jesus, a messenger arrived and said that the girl had died. Jesus told Jairus not to be afraid, but to have faith in God.

I went with them and saw the dead girl for myself. And I was there when Jesus said to her, "Wake up." Her lifeless body came to life again and Jesus instructed her father to give her something to eat. I saw this with my own eyes. This girl is now grown and has a family of her own.

When the face of Jesus shined like the sun and Moses and Elijah appeared with the Lord, I was a witness to the event. Peter and James were with me, and can verify what happened.

I was with Jesus when he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night he was betrayed by Judas. I saw Jesus appear before Pilate, I saw him carry his cross to the hill of Calvary, and I watched him die on that same cross. But I also talked with him face to face after his resurrection from the dead. And when he rose up into heav-



Illustration by Kathy Welsh

spirit is the love that God has for us. Therefore, we should love each other, because we are all God's children. If it were not for God's love for us, we would not be able to love anyone else. God's love unites us as brothers and sisters. He wants us to declare that Jesus is his son who died for our sins.

Because of God's love, we do not have to be afraid of anything. Love is stronger than fear, and there certainly is no room for hatred in God's love.

God has promised us eternal life with him in heaven if we believe in Jesus and keep his commandments. My friends, remember

what Jesus said when he was asked which commandment was the most important. His answer was, "Love God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself." Let us try to keep these commandments and live in peace with each other.

Read more about it: 1 John

Q&A

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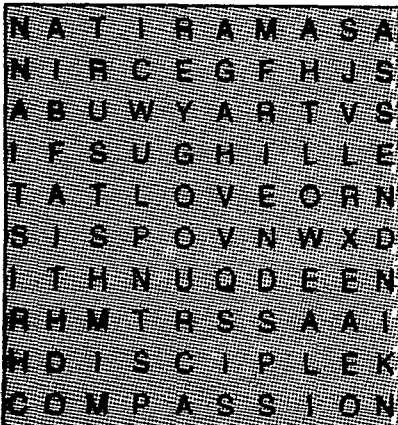
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Word Search

Find the words in the letters in the box. Words may run in any direction. Answers on page 17.

LIST:

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| 1. Love | 2. kindness |
| 3. friends | 4. Samaritan |
| 5. trust | |
| 6. compassion | 7. Christian |
| 8. need | 9. disciple |
| 10. faith | |



Kids' Club

You can win a \$50 savings bond by writing an essay (100 or fewer words) that answers this question:

Jesus wants us to love each other. What are some ways we can obey him and show this love?

Send your essay - including your name, home address, telephone number, school and grade - to Catholic Courier, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624. Deadline for entries is May 26, 1994. The winner will be notified by phone and receive the savings bond by mail. In addition, the winner's essay will be published in an upcoming issue of Kids' Chronicle.

Last month's winner was Heidi Schmitt, a fifth-grade student at St. Theodore's School in Rochester. In response to the question "If you were one of the people who saw Jesus after his resurrection, how would you have reacted?"

She wrote:

I would feel, at first, kind of scared, and I might even be doubtful as Thomas was. After a couple of minutes, if I still saw the same familiar loving Jesus, I would be thrilled. I'd run up to him and give him a big hug. Then I would confess and apologize that I doubted his reality. I would shout to the world, "Jesus is here! Jesus is here again! Jesus is back!" He kept his promise to us. Jesus rose from the dead on the third day just as he said. I would be elated, and spend hours sharing with Jesus and my friends. It would be like old times again.

Bible Accent

May 1-7 is Be Kind To Animals Week, but we can be kind to the animals every day of the year. As we try to show love to one another according to John's message from Jesus, let's not forget our animal friends.

The Bible's account of creation tells us that God made the birds, fish, and all other living creatures and "was pleased with what he saw." He then made man and placed him in charge of the animals.

If you own pets, be sure to provide proper food and shelter and take them to the veterinarian regularly to keep them in good health. And be sure to have them spayed or neutered. They'll all be happier and live longer, too. Sadly, there are more pets than there are good homes, and fewer unplanned litters mean fewer homeless animals.

Remember, God sees every act of kindness we do, whether to people or animals. Let's show him we know the meaning of love.

Saint Augustine

In the sixth century, Pope Gregory sent Saint Augustine and several monks from Rome to England, in hopes of converting the Anglo-Saxons to Christianity.

Before venturing very far into English territory, Augustine and his companions returned to Rome after hearing many tales of the savagery of the Saxons. The Pope was determined to make England a Christian country and ordered Augustine to go back.

Augustine met with King Ethelbert, whose wife was already a Christian. The king gave his visitors a safe place to live and allowed Augustine and the monks to preach in the villages. Augustine eventually founded a church in Canterbury and was named its first Archbishop.

The king himself became a Christian and, after he was baptized, Christianity spread across England. This also improved trade between England and the other European countries that had already become Christian. St. Augustine is honored on May 26.

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