

Bible Story: John 15:9-17

Main Idea: Jesus' has spent a lot of time teaching his disciples the "how to"s or rules of following Him. This morning He is trying to make sure the disciples *know* that even if he isn't with them—God's love is there and they know how to share it. The rules of love come from God and it's really important to share them to make sure others feel loved. The most important rule being Love God and Love your neighbor as yourself. So how do we make our neighbors and friends feel loved today?

Activity: Jesus knew one of the hardest parts of love—especially God's love—is that it isn't always something we can see. We certainly can feel love when people follow God's rules and work to make sure everyone is appreciated and cared for, but it can be really hard to see. This morning we are going to make secret messages to share God's love.

Gather a white crayon and a blank piece of paper. Using the white crayon write out or draw a message of love for your best friend (or maybe a woman in your life you might want to tell you love today). Then give them the secret message.

Tell them to use a marker or watercolor paint to color over the whole page, because even though they can't see it—there is a really important message for them there. And remember—telling people we love them or creating messages of love is just 1 way to show love to others. This week when with your friends and family take the opportunity to show love more often!