

Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel starts and ends with keeping and observing the commandments. As a second grade faith formation teacher, I spend a large part of the year teaching the 10 Commandments, and often people think of this when they hear the word 'commandments.' The Decalogue, or the 10 Commandments, is found in the Old Testament, and is part of the law that is given to Moses by God. In the Gospels, Jesus teaches about two great commandments: love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your might, and love your neighbor as yourself. He tells his disciples that the entire law is summarized by these two.

Following this road will take us to see and be with God. We will not be alone, for we will have the Holy Spirit to guide us, but we must always be paying attention, for the Holy Spirit speaks to us constantly. The world cannot accept the Holy Spirit because it always needs to see miracles. It does not have enough faith to believe in the unseen. We believe even though we have not seen, and we follow the commandments out of our love for Jesus, and if we love Jesus, we love each other.

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KEEPING FAITH FIRST FAMILY FUN

John 14:15-21

C A W V T F B E J P J J R
 Y O Y N E J Q W D V E E E
 R Z M T Q U P A I Z S K H
 P E C M A W D N S N U J T
 S Z V V A V U X C M S I O
 M N N E O N T X I O F P N
 K S A C A I D F P E G X A
 P Y A H R L J M L E V K W
 E T M I P E V R E S B O E
 E C P M B R J S S N R Y L
 K S T U Y G O W T L T K E
 F A T H E R L D D Y R S Z
 P N J Z H T U R T S D S I

Find these words from the Gospel passage.

ADVOCATE	ANOTHER	COMMANDMENT
DISCIPLES	FATHER	JESUS
KEEP	LOVE	OBSERVE
ORPHANS	REVEAL	SEE
SPIRIT	TRUTH	WORLD

Disciple's Reflection & Questions of the Week

*Sixth Sunday of Easter
4/27/2008*

*John 14:15-21
Faith-Sharing
Questions of the Week*



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Call to Prayer

We begin by calling upon God:

**In the Name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the
Holy Spirit, Amen.**

*We then pause for a moment to listen with
our hearts to this week's Gospel passage...*

The Word of God: *John 14:15-21*

The Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another **Advocate** to be with you always, **the Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him.

But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; **I will come to you**. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live.

On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.

The Gospel of the Lord



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Gospel Glossary

Advocate: one who speaks on behalf of another, from the Greek word, "Paraclete," which can also be translated as "Intercessor," "Teacher," "Helper," or "Comforter." This is one of the traditional names for the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit of truth: another traditional name for the Holy Spirit.

I will come to you: In this passage, this probably refers to Christ's dwelling within the hearts of his disciples, rather than to the Second Coming.

Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week

- How does keeping the commandments deepen my love for God?
- How can I become more attentive to the spirit that dwells within me?
- Do my actions accurately reveal what I believe in?

Closing Prayer

Ever-living God,

Help us to celebrate our joy in the resurrection of the Lord and to express in our lives the love we celebrate. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen.

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