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## **John 15:12**

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.”

### **Discussion for the younger kids:**

Jesus tells us to love each other the way He loves us. In John 15:12, the whole Bible is explained in one little sentence! This command is the reason for everything else in the Bible, and it is so important. Imagine what life would be like if everyone followed this commandment. I love this verse because it reminds me, first of all, how much God loves me (He came to the world and died for me). Secondly, this verse reminds me of how I should treat other people – always with love, because God loves them, too.

### **For Further Discussion:**

Sometimes Christianity, God, and the Bible seem really confusing; there are strange stories and confusing verses. I love John 15:12 because it helps me see the foundation and the purpose of belief in God. That is, this one simple statement says to me: God loves humanity, has shown us how to love each other through Jesus’ example, and wants us to do that, always.

A few verses later in John, Jesus says, “You are my friends if you do what I command.” As we seek to live like Jesus and love the people around us, we are following His command and He calls us friend. Knowing this fills me with joy and hope.

If you would like to ask Emily more about her devotional, you can send an [email](#) to her at camp.