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We Show Our Love for One Another

Expressions of love take many forms. Sometimes, the greatest expression of love is shown in the most ordinary way. Kindness and concern for another person can be as simple as visiting a lonely relative or calling a friend just to say “hello.” Ordinary actions tell another that we care. Each time a person reaches out to care for someone else, that person is following the example of Jesus.

ACTIVITY

Mark the Spot Put up a world map on your wall. Put pins in the places where you know a friend or a relative. Talk about how you are connected with people in these different places.

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

Try to make attending church a pleasant experience for everyone. Ask family members how going to church could be more enjoyable.

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Saint of the Week



Saint Martin of Tours
(315–395)

Martin spent most of his life in Gaul, which is now France. After serving in the army, he became a monk and formed the first community of monks in Gaul. He preached and built churches.

Patron Saint of: beggars, soldiers

Feast Day: November 11



**A Prayer
for the
Week**

Lord, do we work for you in our daily lives? Help us be more like Martin and show love for one another. Teach us to bring your love and goodness to all we meet—to all our neighbors. Amen.

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Scripture Background

In the Time of the Early Church

Solomon's Portico A covered colonnade stood along the eastern wall of Herod's Temple. Public instruction and preaching often took place in this outdoor area. Jesus once spoke to a crowd gathered in Solomon's Portico during the Jewish feast of Tabernacles, or Sukkot (John 7). After Jesus' Resurrection, the Apostles also preached there. Early Christians often used it as a meeting place. After healing a lame man, Peter delivered a powerful speech there.

Read Acts 3:1–11 that describes this healing miracle to demonstrate the power of God's mercy and love.

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Art

Christ at the Sea of Galilee Jesus and his disciples were the subjects of many fine paintings. One of the best is *Christ at the Sea of Galilee* by Jacopo Tintoretto (1518–1594). Tintoretto painted in Venice. His name means "little dyer," after his father's profession of coloring fabrics. In the painting, Christ is seen at the Sea of Galilee in the middle of a violent storm. He stands on the water and calls to his stunned Apostles. Peter is shown leaping eagerly into the water to accept the invitation with his eyes fixed on Jesus.