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**June 2023**

**Word of Life**

**“Brothers and sisters, rejoice! Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.” (2Cor 13:11)**

**(From the Mass of the Holy Trinity, June 4, 2023)**

**Let’s help each other to love**

**…and so his teacher suggested taking some to the nearby classroom, together with two other boys. Paul wanted to invite his friends, but instead he chose the two boys who had been making fun of him. They were surprised but went with him. From that day on they were friends!**

**Christoph had an idea. He said: “Let’s ask Jesus to help you understand how to love them even more!” A few days later it was Paul’s birthday and he brought a tray full of cookies to celebrate. There was more than enough for his class…**

**Paul lives in Great Britain. In his class there are two boys who always bother him. So he asked his friend, Christoph: “What should I do about it? I tried not to answer them, but they just keep annoying me.”**

**After Jesus died and rose again, Christians remembered what he said and tried to put his words into practice.**

**Jesus often spoke about God’s love. When he met with Nicodemus, he expained to him that God loves us so much that he sent his only Son, Jesus, to teach us how to bring joy and peace into the world.**

**Many people were amazed to see how happy they were to be together. They were struck by the way they encouraged each other and helped one another to understand how to live in unity and peace.**

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