LOVE AND YOU

WILL UNDERSTAND

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WORD OF LIFE

«Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him»

John 14,21

From the commentary of Chiara Lubich
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Under the magnifying glass…

This Word of Life means that whoever loves the Son of God, and therefore keeps his commandments, is loved by the Father. The Son also loves that person and shows himself to them.

So LOVE is at the center.
You can't imagine a Christian who doesn't have love in his or her heart.
It would be like a watch that has no battery.
A Christian who isn't loving all the time,
doesn't deserve the name "Christian."

All of the commandments of Jesus can be summed up in one: **Love God and love your neighbor**.

Love has to be ***lived concretely****, by serving others, especially those who are right next to us, starting with all the* ***little things****, the most humble acts of service.*

Write here **three ways** you think **God is asking you to love** the people nearest to you:

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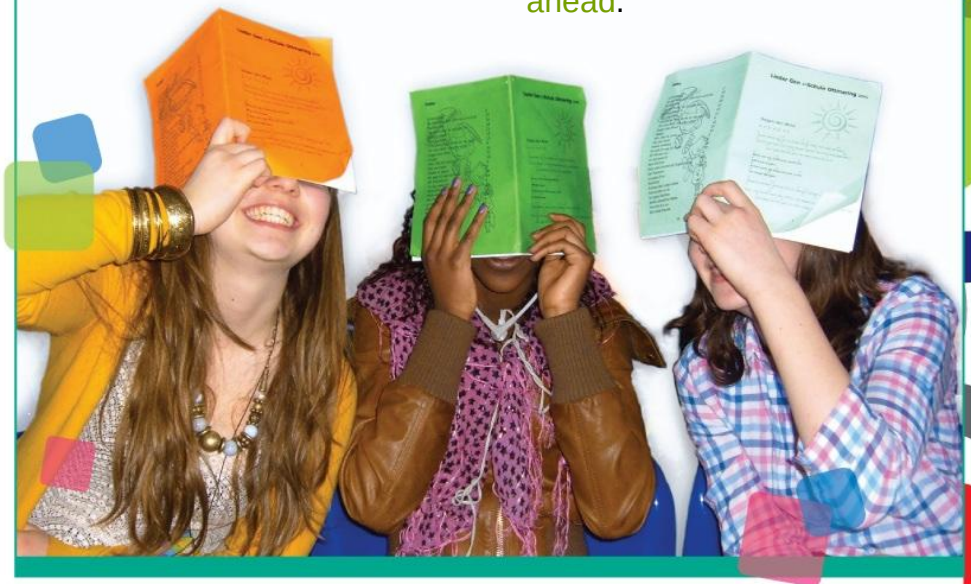
Love is the source of light. By loving we understand more about God, who is Love.

When difficulties block our way and we feel like stopping, or if we get discouraged, this Word of Life reminds us that the light comes when we love, when we have true love which gives without expecting anything in return.

We only need to set love into motion again, by doing some small, concrete act of love, and then faith and hope will be rekindled in our hearts, and we will know how to go ahead.



That's what happened to… Marco (Italy)

We had a party at my friend's house, and when everything was over – games, movie and dinner – the place was a mess! And since it had been a rainy day, there was mud everywhere, too! Looking around and seeing that my other friends were completely oblivious to the mess, I understood that no one would come forward to help clean up, so **I started**. I found a broom and a bucket and started cleaning the floor. One of the other guys came over and asked me, "What are you doing that for?! Somebody else will take care of it!" I immediately told him: "I'm doing it because **I'm a Christian and I try to show it everywhere!"** By saying this to these friends of mine, who are 90% nonbelievers, I felt really at peace and very happy, because I had been able to give witness to my life and to **my choice of God who is Love.**

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