

Children of GOD

Seventh Sunday of Easter

In the World – Not of the World

Imagine you have a bottle with water, vegetable oil and food coloring. If we add the food coloring to the water, then put the vegetable oil in. What would happen? When we look at the bottle with oil and water in it, the first thing we would notice is that they remain separate from one another. Now, what would happen if we were to shake the bottle? The water and oil appear to become one.

But have the oil and water really become one? If we let the bottle stand for a little while we will see that the water and oil will separate again. That shows us that even when they were all mixed together, they were never really one.

This bottle can be a good picture of what Jesus wants us to be like in this world we live in.

Before Jesus was crucified, he prayed for his disciples. He prayed that as they lived in the world, they would not become part of the world. He wanted them to add the gifts he had given them to the world -- just as the water added some color to the oil -- but he did not want them to become stained by the world. He wanted them to remain the person God made them to be. He wanted them to know his love and to share that love with others.



I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.

John 17:9 (NIV)

Answers for last week:

Life, Obey, Fruit, Command, Master and Friend

Word Search Puzzle

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

POWER	GLORY	ACCEPTED	WORD	YOURS
EVERYTHING	KNOW	PRAY	MINE	GAVE
PROTECT	OBEYED	HOLY	NAME	SENT
LONGER	FATHER	COME	WORLD	REMAIN



Let us Pray

Dear Jesus, help us, as we live in this world, to remain faithful to your call to be separate from the world.