

FAMILY PAGE

This week's gospel message, "For those who exalt themselves shall be humbled and those who humble themselves shall be exalted," is not always easy to practice in all our activities. Jesus wants us to recognize the importance of every person. The family of God is just like your family. No one is best at everything. Everyone is important. Here are some suggestions for making this message come alive in your family.



1 Have each member of the family make two lists — one naming all the things he or she does for the family and the other naming the things that other members of the family do for him or her.

2 Have a meeting to discuss your lists. Beginning with the parents, take turns telling what special gifts you see in each member of your family and how you see that person sharing his or her gifts.

3 Using the pattern below, parents and older children can make up certificates for each member telling the reason he or she is important to the whole family.

4 Have an awards ceremony during which your certificates will be handed out.

5 End your meeting with a prayer to acknowledge that God is the One on whom you all depend for these gifts.



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You are important to Jesus every day.

Every person is important to Jesus. You can have a place of honor in heaven if you remember the lesson of this week's gospel.

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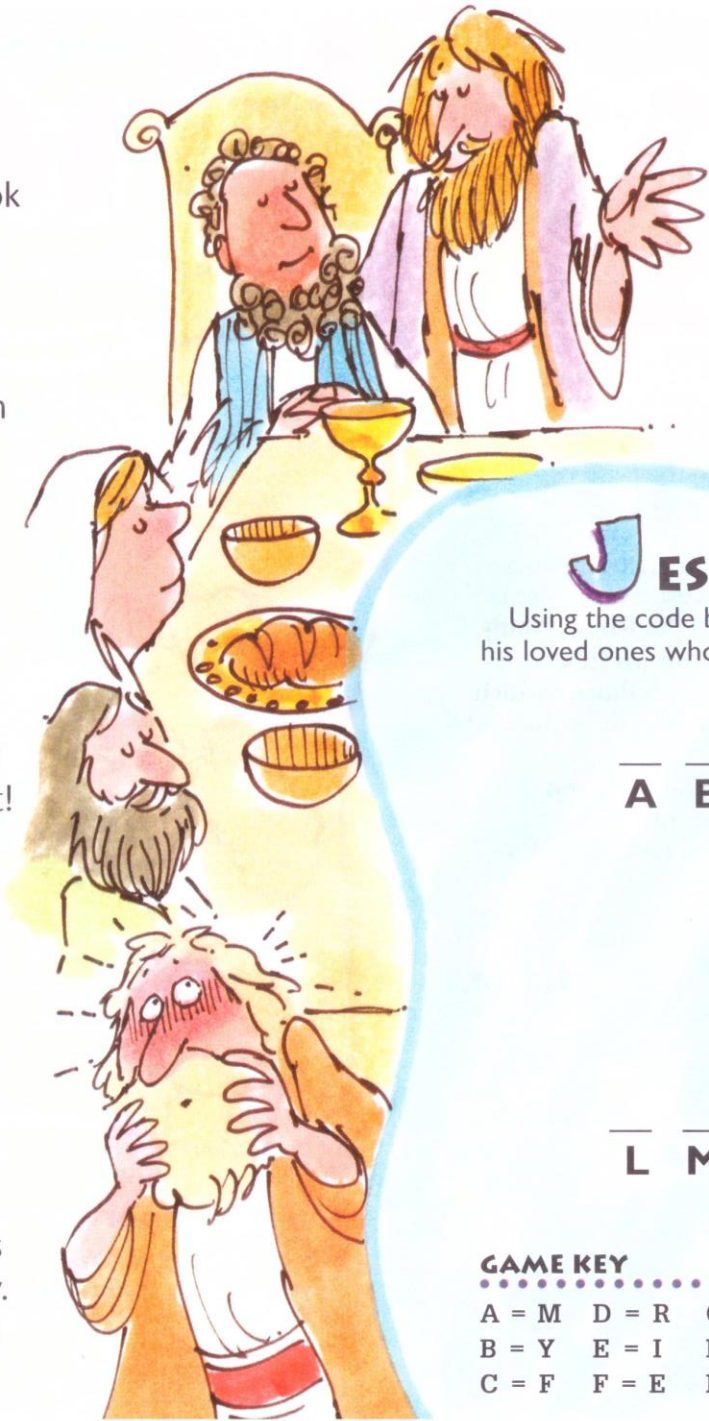
A PLACE OF HONOR

Jesus tells this story: A man came to a party and took the most important seat at the dinner table. When someone more important came, the man had to move to another seat. The first man was so embarrassed!

Then Jesus said, "Do not sit in the place of honor." Jesus wasn't really talking about dinner parties. He was talking about people. He means you shouldn't think you are more important than others! Everyone is important! Each person has a special place in God's love.

When someone brags all the time about being very smart, it makes other people feel bad. Jesus doesn't want anyone to feel bad.

When someone always wants to be first and pushes and shoves to get ahead, this makes other people unhappy. Jesus doesn't want anyone to be unhappy.



When someone laughs at a person because he or she can't play ball or doesn't read well, that person feels very sad. Jesus doesn't want anyone to be sad.

Everyone can do something special! Jesus says find the good things, then you will have a place of honor in God's love.

JESUS SPEAKS TO YOU

Using the code below, can you discover what Jesus wants to tell his loved ones who take the lowest place?

A B C D E F G H

I J K F

L M N E O N F D



GAME KEY

- A = M D = R G = N J = O M = P
- B = Y E = I H = D K = M N = H
- C = F F = E I = C L = U O = G