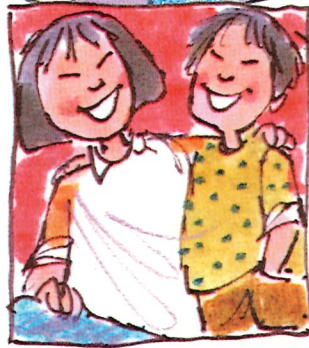


Family Page

Families who pray together in times of trouble are twice blessed: They have God's love to strengthen them and they have the love and support of one another. Make it a practice to pray together often, to share your troubles, fears, and worries with one another and with God. The family prayer service below can be adapted to your own special needs.



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Family Prayer for Gospel Love

Leader: We come to you today, Lord Jesus, to pray together as a family.

All: Help us to learn about love from you.

Leader: Place your yoke of love upon our shoulders so we can help one another in times of sorrow and pain.

All: Help us to learn about love from you.

Leader: Teach us to share our troubles and pain with one another.

All: Help us to learn about love from you.

Leader: Teach us to be supporting and loving always.

All: Help us to learn about love from you.

(Read Matthew 11:25-30.)



O loving Jesus, thank you for showing us the way to ease the troubles of others with our love. Thank you too for teaching us that love makes the heaviest burdens light. Keep us close to one another in good times and in bad and make us strong in our love and faith in you. We ask this in your name. Amen

Answer to Picture Acrostic: LOVE MAKES BURDENS LIGHT



My Yoke Is Easy... A picture to color.

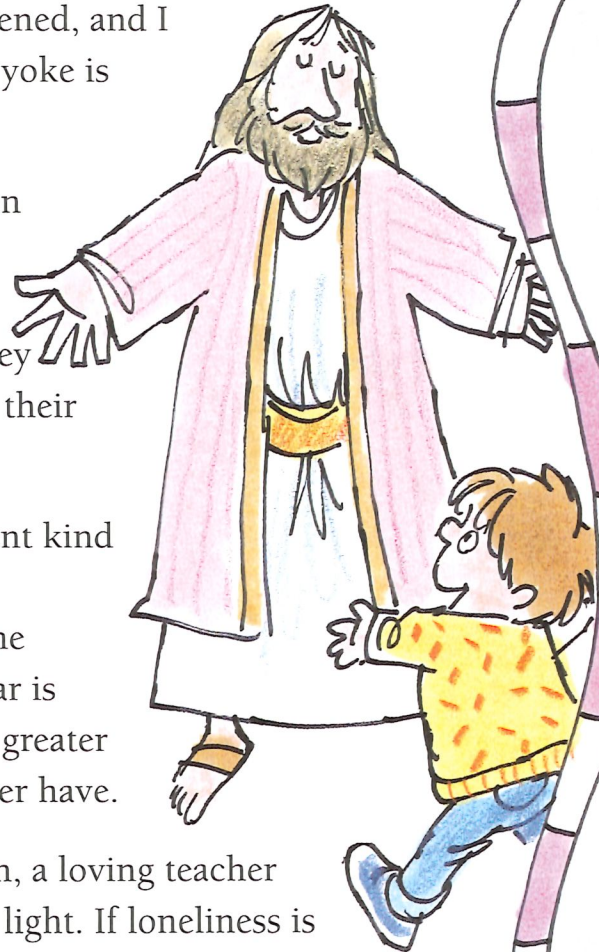
Things Go Better With Love

Jesus has a special invitation for you in today's gospel story. He says, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.... For my yoke is easy and my burden light."

A yoke is a big wooden collar that the oxen wore in Jesus' day. It fit over the shoulders of two oxen so they could work together to pull their heavy loads.

But Jesus has a different kind of yoke that will help you whenever you need help. The yoke Jesus wants you to wear is his message of love. Love is greater than any burden you can ever have.

If math is your burden, a loving teacher can help make your burden light. If loneliness is your burden, a loving friend can help make your burden light. If a family problem is your burden, a loving parent can help make your burden light. And best of all, no matter what makes you unhappy, Jesus' love can make it better.



Jesus makes you this promise, and he will keep it always: Love will make your burdens light.

Picture Acrostic

To find the secret message for today's gospel, fill in the picture blanks by naming the objects. Then match the numbers in the blanks below.

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