



**That We All May All Be One**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**John 17:1-11**

**Opening Prayer:** Thank you, God, that Jesus shows us the way to you. Amen.

**The Story:** John 17:1-11 Story Telling Options

- Tell the story from reading it from your bible (be sure it is age appropriate)
- Watch this [Video](#)
- Use this short Story

Tell the children Jesus knows it is time for him to go back to be with God. Here's what Jesus says to God: "I have done the work you gave me to do. So, God, I know it is time for me to come back to you. I have told these people all about you. They know a lot more about you now. Here's what I am asking you now. Help these people understand that it is like we are all holding hands all the people of the world in a big circle with God in the middle of them."

- Read from the International Children's Bible

After Jesus said these things he looked toward heaven. Jesus prayed, "Father, the time has come. Give glory to your Son so that the Son can give glory to you. <sup>2</sup> You gave the Son power over all people so that the Son could give eternal life to all those people you have given to him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life: that men can know you, the only true God, and that men can know Jesus Christ, the One you sent. <sup>4</sup> I finished the work you gave me to do. I brought you glory on earth. <sup>5</sup> And now, Father, give me glory with you. Give me the glory I had with you before the world was made. <sup>6</sup> "You gave me some men from the world. I have shown them what you are like. Those men belonged to you, and you gave them to me. They have obeyed your teaching. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you gave me comes from you. <sup>8</sup> I gave these men the teachings that you gave me. They accepted those teachings. They know that I truly came from you. <sup>9</sup> I pray for them now. I am not praying for the people in the world. But I am praying for those men you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And my glory is shown through these men. <sup>11</sup> Now I am coming to you. I will not stay in the world now. But these men are still in the world. Holy Father, keep them safe. Keep them safe by the power of your name (the name you gave me), so that they will be one, the same as you and I are one.



**Activity:**

Cut out stripes of paper to make a chain. Tell them to take a few pieces of whatever color they want and some crayons. Tell them they can decorate one of the strips to represent themselves and decorate other strips that represent their best friend, their parents, siblings, grandparents, whoever they choose. Tell them as they finish each strip, they can connect it to the one they have just finished. Create a chain by taking the first completed strip and tape the ends together forming the first link to the chain. Then take the next completed strip, thread through the first link, and tape the ends. Now you have the second link in the chain. Continue so each child will end up with a chain of strips. (You can make some also.) When the children have finished their chains, tell them we will connect all the chains and make a circle to place on the floor. Parents and siblings can make chains too. Combine all the chains together to show that we all may be one in God.

SONG: [They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love](#)

**Closing Prayer:** God, Help us to be in your circle so that we all may be one. Amen

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