

AN ENCOURAGING WORD FOR TROUBLING TIMES #124 (by Rev. Dr. Alice Wolfe, 9/16/20)

“Dick and Jane Are Friends”

[Jesus said] “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

(John 13:34-35, NIV)

(My version of a Dick and Jane primer for today.)

See Dick and Jane.

They are friends.

They have different colors of skin.

They have different colors of hair.

They have different colors of eyes.

They are still friends.

See Dick and Jane.

They are friends.

They do not always agree,

but they are still kind to each other.

They still work and play together.

They still choose to be friends.

See Dick and Jane.

Dick does not want to wear a mask.

Jane thinks we should all wear masks.

They still choose to be friends.

See Dick and Jane.

They disagree about who should be president.

They disagree about many things,

but they still choose to be friends.

See Dick and Jane.

Why can they be friends?

Jesus is their friend.

Jesus loves Dick and Jane.

Jesus gave his life for Dick and Jane.

Dick and Jane love Jesus.

Dick and Jane choose to follow Jesus.
Dick and Jane choose to love each other
the way Jesus loves them.
Dick and Jane stay friends forever.
Jesus loves everyone.
Jesus gave his life for everyone.
Dick and Jane want to help others know Jesus.
Dick and Jane choose to love all people
the way Jesus loves them.
Some are like them, and some are not.
Dick and Jane choose to love others.
Dick and Jane become their friends.
Dick and Jane help others know Jesus.
Through Dick and Jane,
Jesus changes lives and the world.

PRAYER:

Dear Jesus, help me learn from Jesus. Help me love others the way you love all of us. Help me follow you and show your love to all. Help me be who you want me to be! Amen.

LIVE IT!

Get to know Jesus and his love. Share Jesus and his love with others. Be a positive example to the world!