



THE WORKS OF MERCY PUT OUR HEARTS INTO ACTION



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“The first characteristic of Christian love is to love everyone. The ‘art of loving’ that we learn from the Gospel requires that we love everyone, just as God does, without excluding anyone. So we can’t choose between someone who is likeable and someone who is not, between an elderly person and a teenager, between a citizen of our country and a foreigner, between a person who has black or white or yellow skin, between a European and an American, between an African and an Asian, between a Christian and a Jew, between a Muslim and a Hindu. (...) **We can say that love does not discriminate among people in any way.”**

Chiara Lubich, The Art of Loving, Rome 2005

Find a moment to read the stories in the Gospel about when Jesus was travelling through the countryside and someone welcomed him into their home.

Luke 10:38-42 and Luke 19:1-10.



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We asked Vera:

The world, a home

*“Many times we hear people say: «Those foreigners should go back home!» But where is their home? **The world is their home!***

We live in a globalized world. Everyone says that they are happy about globalization. Therefore, everyone’s «home» is the world, which means they can go wherever they want.

*People say these things out of fear. Instead you young people are not afraid because you love others. You are not even afraid to say good things about people from other countries and you tell your friends, classmates and family there is nothing to be afraid of. (...) **Just think of how you would like to be treated if you had to go and live in a foreign country, in another nation, in another city.***

You would certainly be happy if someone welcomed you and it you didn’t have to be afraid of anyone, instead of having people look at you with suspicion. So we have to speak well about them, too, and welcome them.”

Vera Araujo | Sociologist



You can cut this out and put it in your notebook or hang it in the kitchen.

You might have a classmate or someone in your neighborhood who comes from another country. Sometimes it’s hard for them to find new friends or feel welcome in a new place.



Color in a house when you make friends with someone from another country.