

«I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!»

(Lk 12:49)

Wet shoes

Nino and I went trekking...

We wanted to go over a rope bridge that hung over the water.

Climbing up onto the bridge, Nino got his feet wet, right up to his ankles.

We were far from home and he didn't have another pair with him. **What should we do?**

I gave him mine.

My mother was really surprised when she saw Nino come back wearing my new shoes.

"You're amazing!" she said.
"You lent him your new shoes that you always take such good care of!"

Jesse, 15 years old, Holland



Code of Life

The mission of Jesus is to spread the fire of love on earth.

How do you love like this?

You **always take the initiative, being the first to love**, not expecting to be loved back.

You **make yourself one with everyone**, suffering and rejoicing with each one, sharing their worries and hopes.
And when necessary, you also love **in concrete, practical ways**.

The goal is **to reach the point when we love one another**.

Love is like a fire, and it's important to keep it burning.

Even a small fire, if it is given fuel, can become a large blaze...

... a blaze of love, peace and universal brotherhood that Jesus brought on earth.

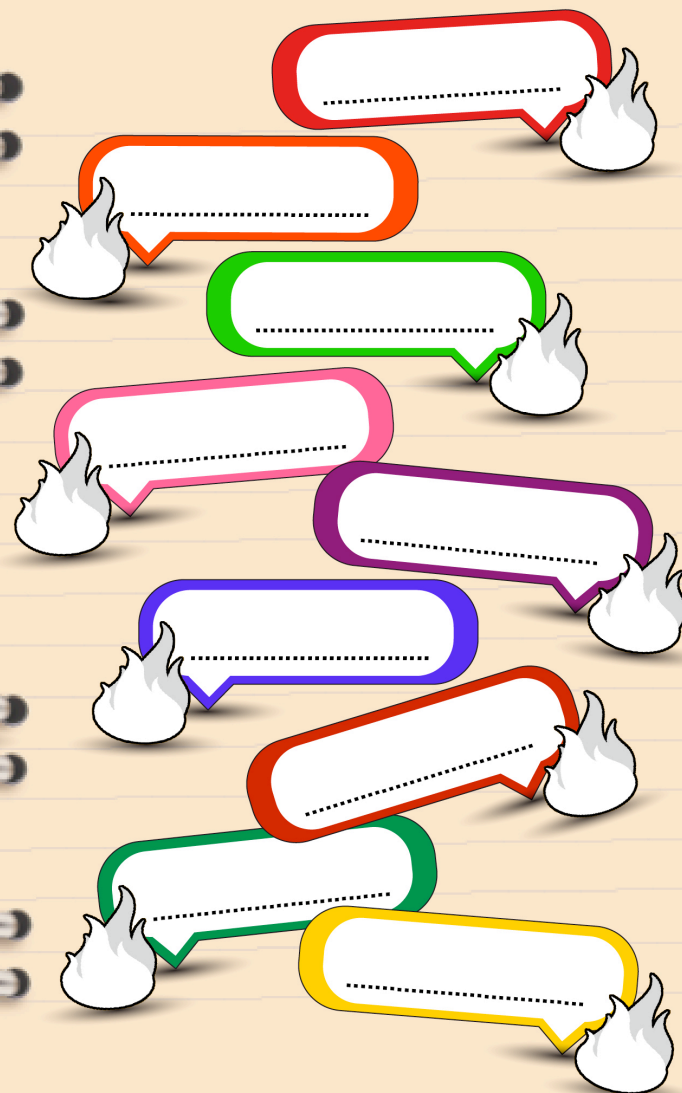
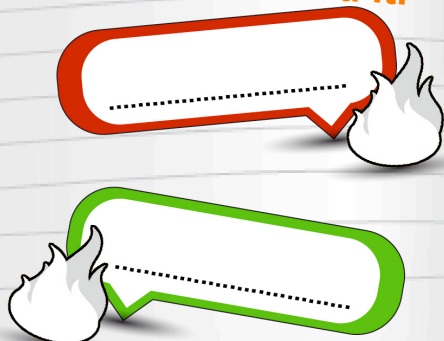


In Action

Take a moment each day (for example, before going to bed at night) to think about how you spent your day. Then color a little flame for every time that you lived one aspect of the art of loving. You can also write on the line next to it a few words to remind yourself of what happened.



Later, when you come together with others in your group, you can take turns telling each other how you lived it.



Experiences