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Concrete love

One morning I was delivering papers by bike and there was a very heavy fog. I had just started my route when I saw a man waving his arms at me, and almost in a panic, he told me:

"I can't find my new workplace."



He was a foreigner so I stopped and asked him, **"Where do you have to go?"**

He took a piece of paper out of his pocket and showed me the address.

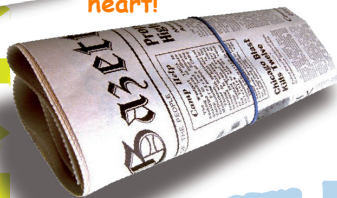
It was in the industrial area, all the way on the other side of our town. Even in good weather it would take time to get there, but with this fog, it would be almost impossible to find it if you didn't know the way.

I imagined how I would have felt if I had to report for my first day at work, and didn't want to be late. I told him: **"Follow me"**.

Instead of trying to give him directions, I led him all the way to where the factory was. He was so grateful! You can imagine!

Then I had to get back across town in a hurry so that I could finish delivering my papers by 7:00 a.m.

I've never felt so much JOY in my heart!



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The mission of Jesus is to spread the fire of love on earth, to bring the Holy Spirit with his power that renews and purifies everyone.

Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit, who fills our hearts with love, and it's up to us to keep this love always burning.

What kind of love is it?

It means that you don't limit yourself to loving just some people, and instead **love everyone**, like our Father in heaven who makes the sun shine on everyone, good and bad alike.

You take the initiative, and don't expect to be loved in return.

You **make yourself one with everyone**, suffering and rejoicing with each one, sharing their worries and hopes.

And when necessary, you love in **concrete, practical ways**.

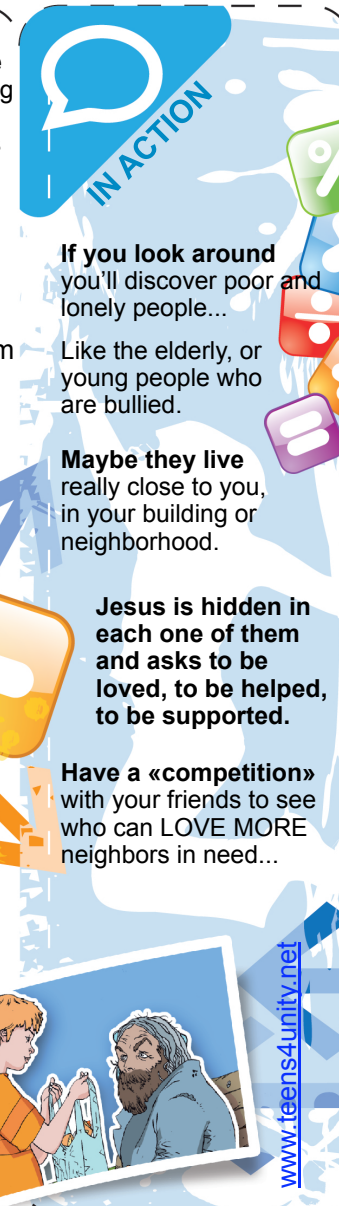
This kind of love is directed to **Jesus** whom **you love** in every person.

It's a love that leads to reciprocity, **loving one another**.

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

Fire always has to have something to burn – like my **selfishness**.

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.



If you look around you'll discover poor and lonely people...

Like the elderly, or young people who are bullied.

Maybe they live really close to you, in your building or neighborhood.

Jesus is hidden in each one of them and asks to be loved, to be helped, to be supported.

Have a **«competition»** with your friends to see who can LOVE MORE neighbors in need...

