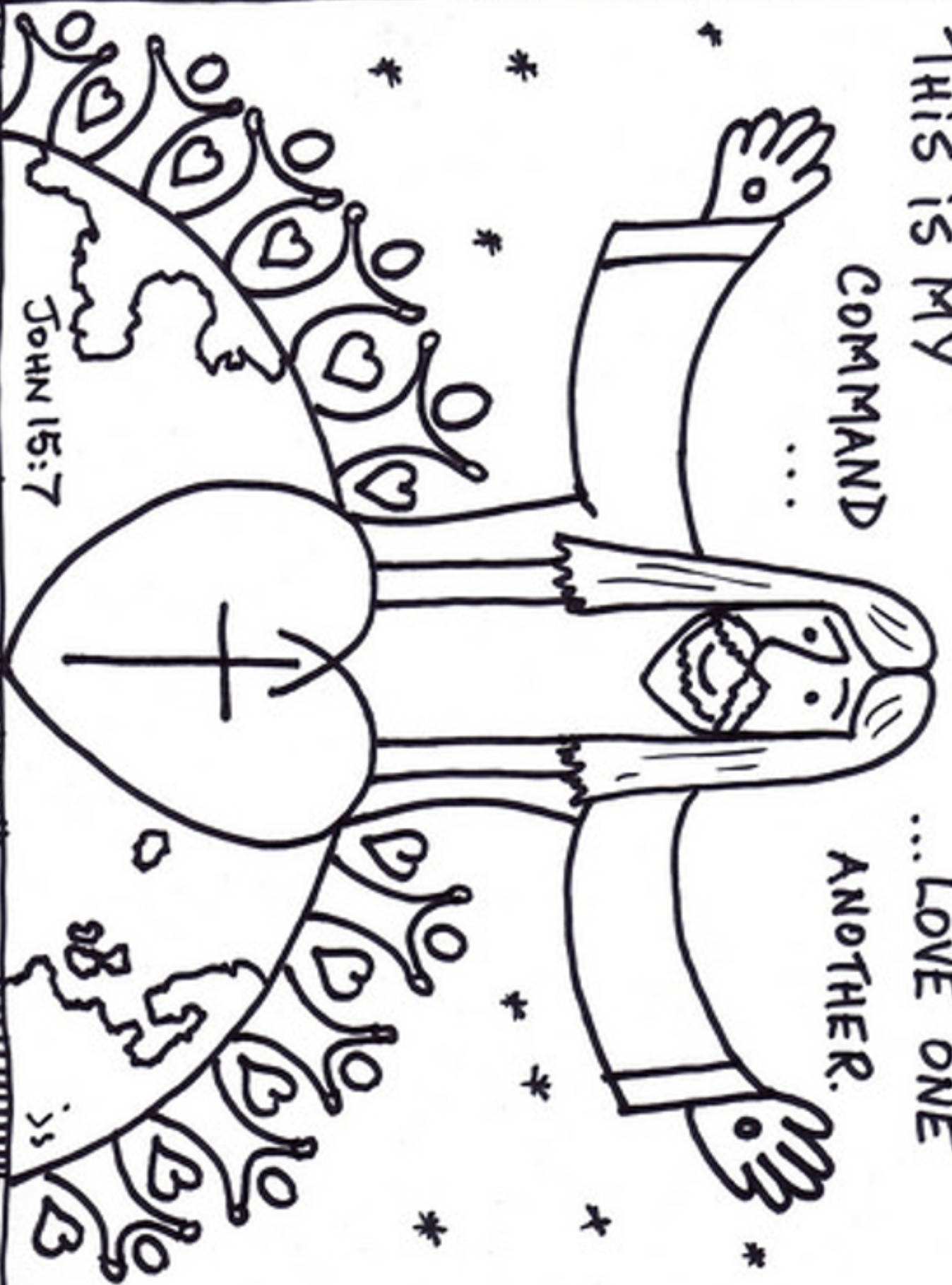


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JOHN 15:7

Learning At Home

Walking with Jesus - Part 4: Do not Murder... Love One Another



Bible Study:

This week's lesson on the commandment do not murder, is highlighted through two different stories: the story of the brother's Cain and Able, (read Genesis 4) and the story of Joseph and his brothers, (read Genesis 42-46). Consider what was happened in Cain's heart when he decided to ignore God's warning and consider the work God was doing in Joseph's heart as he chose to forgive his brothers. In his sermon on the mount, Jesus taught that to commit murder means more than just killing someone, it means having an angry and unforgiving attitude towards them (Matthew 5:21-22) and in 1 John 3, John highlights that as children of God we should love one another.



The gospel in the story:

Murdering others seems far off, but anger in our hearts is familiar. Sometimes we are angry with people because they have wronged us, other times its because of a sin issue (weakness in our hearts...pride). Regardless, we are no better than them. We have wronged God, we put ourselves above him and deserve the judgement and wrath of God. BUT Jesus came so that we could know what true love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters!

Application:

Head: What did we learn?

Q: What leads to murder? A: Letting anger fester in our hearts

Q: Did Joseph let anger fester in his heart? No, God helped Joseph see a bigger picture and gave him a heart of love

Q: What does God's word say about anger? It is sinful, just like murder

Heart: Memory Verse:

"This is my command... love one another" John 15:7

Hands: How does this affect the way we live?

When we understand our brokenness (trend toward hatred, our inability to love others like Christ loves us) and the miraculousness of Christ's love for us, we also begin to understand how much Jesus loves our brothers and sisters, our neighbors and even our enemies. Through HIS work in our hearts we can then love them with a supernatural love.



Prayer:

Take Jesus' advice from his sermon on the mount. In Matthew chapter 5, after he equates anger to murder. He urges us to go and reconcile our differences, not to go on with life disregarding those hard feelings. Ask the Lord to convict your heart of hard feelings, confess them to him and ask him to give you wisdom in seeking reconciliation.