

Esther and Emmett: 'A lovely day for God's Love'

Esther: Hi Emmett.

Emmett: Hi Esther. Isn't it a lovely day? I love a lovely day because on a lovely day it feels like everyone is lovely and everyone should love one another.

Esther: What a lovely way of saying that!

Emmett: Yep. I love saying things in a lovely way. You just gotta love it!

Esther: Emmett, is there a reason you are saying love and lovely so much?

Emmett: Yes, there is...I am talking that way because I want to talk like Jesus talked!

Esther: Like Jesus?

Emmett: Yep. I was reading in the Gospel of John that Jesus said, "As God has loved me, so I have loved you, abide in my love". Can you hear the love?

Esther: Well, Jesus did talk about love quite often...

Emmett: He also said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." I think he was trying to see how many times he could use the word 'love' in a sentence.

Esther: So, now you are trying to use the word 'love' as often as you can?

Emmett: Yep, and I love to use the word 'love' as I talk about the lovely way that Jesus was always talking about love...by saying the word 'love'...a lot!

Esther: I think that's a very lovely thing to do, Emmett.

Emmett: And now you're doing it too! It's kinda catchy. Love, love, love, love...

Esther: Of course, Jesus didn't exactly say that he wanted us to SAY the word 'love'....

Emmett: But it's such a lovely word to say!

Esther: It is, and it is good to tell people that they are loved. But Jesus said to his friends, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

Emmett: So...we just have to love the way Jesus loved...I'd love to do that.....so, how would I do that?

Esther: Jesus loved people the way that God wanted him to love people.

Emmett: I'm not sure that answers my question.

Esther: Well, I think Jesus loved people in lots of ways. He loved his disciples by telling them about God and by assuring them that God was always with them. He loved them as friends even though he knew that sometimes they could be too competitive with each other and sometimes they didn't seem to understand what Jesus was talking about.

Emmett: Hey, that's like me. Sometimes I don't understand what Jesus was talking about. Good to know that Jesus still loves me!

Esther: And Jesus liked to have meals with people.

Emmett: Hey, that's also like me. I love to eat! ...there's that 'love' word again!

Esther: Jesus let people know that they were loved by sharing a meal with them. He ate with all sorts of people, even sometimes with people that no one else wanted to eat with...

Emmett: I guess he knew that God would eat with them because God loved them!

Esther: Right. And Jesus always seemed to have time to stop what he was doing in order to listen to someone who had a concern, and he always had time to give comfort and healing to people who were suffering.

Emmett: So, if we want to love like Jesus loved, we should treat everyone like they are someone God cares about.

Esther: Because God cares about everyone.

Emmett: And that's a lovely thing! God loves us! ...I love that!

Esther: And we can all share that love with everyone.

Emmett: Thanks Esther. This has been a lovely talk.

Esther: Amen to that!

Emmett: Amen!