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Easter 6
St. John's Children's Sermon

How many of you play games?

What is your favorite game?

What are the rules?

So many rules to live by - skateboard park, school bus, classroom, city, home- all have rules.

How many have heard the expression, "If it ain't broke don't fix it." Who knows what that means?

My guess is that we should not tamper with something that works just fine.

Today we were given a commandment, a rule, which still works and is as old as Jesus. And is very relevant today.

I give you a new commandment, "Love one another."

Sometime rules get made because we do not love one another. But Jesus gave us a new way to live with one another, to care about one another, to try to understand one another.

My guess is that if we worked harder at loving one another we would not have to have so many rules.

Sometimes it is easier to make rules than it is to love. When we love we are asked to be thoughtful, caring and considerate.

We would not have to have a rule- no hitting- if we were thoughtful.

No breaking the equipment- if we cared about other people's stuff.

Don't let your dog poop on the sidewalk- if we were considerate of other people.

Think about the rules and think especially about how we are to be intentional about loving one another.

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