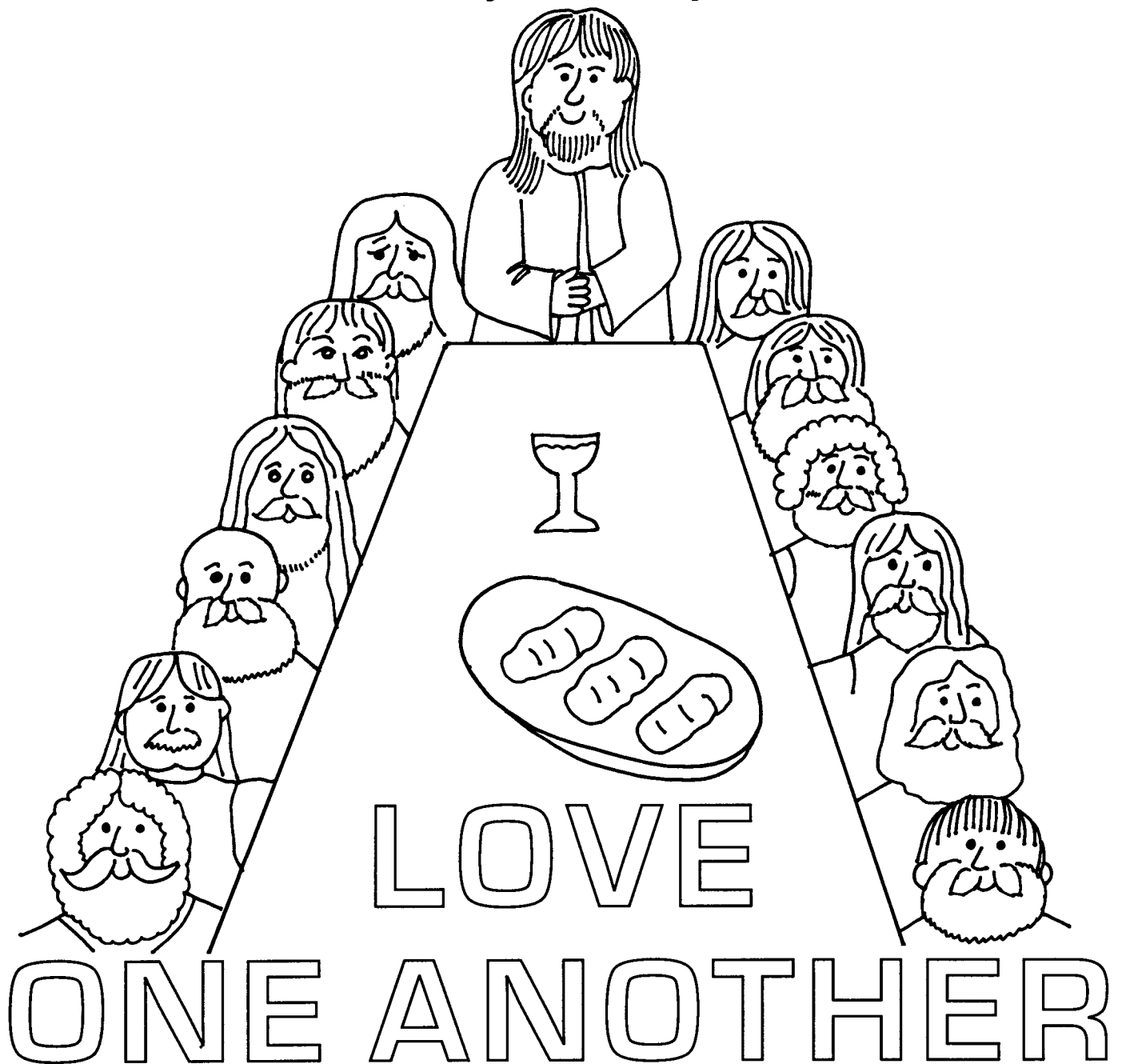


Holy Thursday



Jesus shared a special supper with his friends. Jesus told his friends that he loved them and he wanted them *to love one another*. Then Jesus washed the feet of his friends as an example of love and service. (The roads were very dusty and dirty in those days.) Jesus said that when they showed love to others, everyone would know that they were his friends. (Cf. *Jn 13:34-35*)

It was during this meal that Jesus shared with his friends the greatest sign of love and friendship – the gift of himself through the bread and wine he blessed. Then Jesus told his friends: “Do this in memory of me” (*Lk 22:19*). Since that time, Christians all over the world continue to receive the gift of Jesus in Holy Communion.

- Discussion:**
- What does Jesus ask his friends to do? (*To show love for others.*)
 - How do you show love for your family and friends?
 - What do we call the great gift of love that Jesus gave us? (*Holy Communion.*)

Activity: Color the very important words Jesus told us.