

# May: Acceptance

God wants us to make friends with everyone no matter how different they may look or act.

*An accepting person is...*

- willing to treat everybody as a member of a group
- non-judgmental
- welcoming to those different than himself/herself
- loving and happy with who he/she is



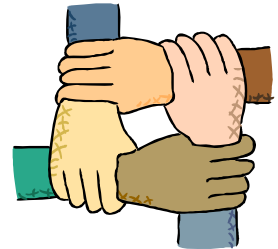
The virtue of ACCEPTANCE means we accept ourselves and others just the way we are. God created all of us in His image, and God does not make mistakes. Being a part of God's family means that we love and welcome everyone just the way Jesus did. Sometimes we find ourselves in situations where it is easier to follow the crowd than to stand up for what we know is right. However, Jesus wants us to accept everyone even when it is hard.

If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. **Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.**

1 Cor. 12:26-27

God does not love us because we are valuable. We are valuable because God loves us.

Martin Luther King



*Can you remember a time you felt unaccepted? How did that make you feel?*