Now I tell you to love each other, as I have loved you. I speak to you as my friends.

John 15:12

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txtmsg4frnds

 Make three large 'smartphones' following the picture here.
You might also like to print multiple copies on card
(or make your own version with better graphics) and
distribute to everyone present.

Three people all repeat exactly the same process, same
script, sending the Bible Byte as a 'txtmsg' to each other.

Person A: Hi everybody. We're about to learn a bit from
the Bible. But I'm just waiting for [insert name] to send it
to me. They said that they'd text it to me, so I've got my
new phone here ready. It's a brand new JN15-12
I'll just play a little bit of Angry Birds while I wait*…*
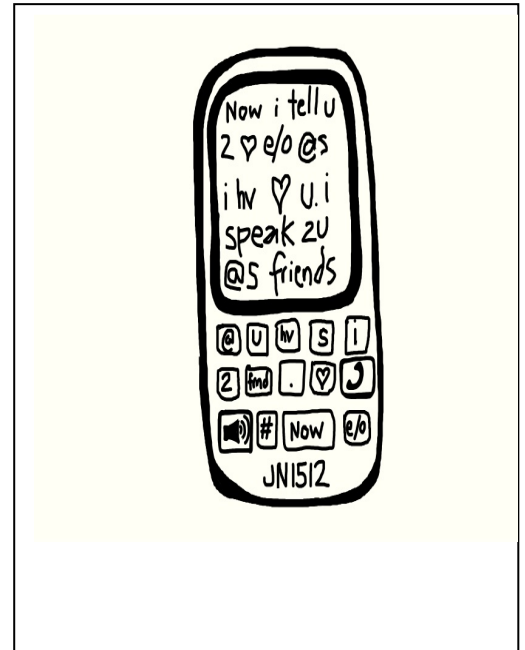
(sfx incoming message)

Oh, there it is. Let's look at it together on the JN15-12…
(read slowly pointing to the words/symbols as you go…
stop and ask for help from the audience to generate
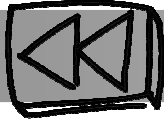*participation)*

"Now I tell you to love each other, as I have loved you.
 I speak to you as my friends."

What a great message – it's from the Bible, it's something Jesus said, and it tells us how much he
loves us and wants us to love others.

I'm going to send it to my friends. Forward to contacts…

Oh no – I just deleted it! Girls and boys, mums and dads, macs and pcs, iphones and smartphones
and dumbphones, can you help me remember the message? I'm going to have key it in again.

Which key do you think I should start with?

(Call up some volunteers and take suggestions, invite audience member to 'key' in the message)
Ok, and send! Great, thanks friends. *(exits)*

Repeat this process again with two other characters – inserting the name of the previous character as the sender.

The final character finishes with…

You know girls and boys, mums and dads, macs & pcs, iPhones and smartphones and dumbphones, this is a great message to spread. Jesus speaks to us as friends; he loves us and wants us to love others.

Send it viral – let it spread like a grapevine.