

# Loving God, Loving People

Hey Mom and Dad,

We are set for an exhilarating winter as together we learn the value that God places on the family. Our series for the month is called "Family Matters" simply because families are precious to God.

This week we will learn about love as God intended. These lessons challenge both adult and child to consider how God can help us all live a life of love. We pray these truths will position each child to conquer in a world where every other institution opposes God's way.

Our lesson objectives for this week:

- To understand God calls us to love others, just as He loves us
- We can only love others when we are full of God's love

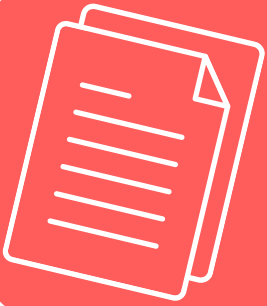
As you start your time together, be mindful to give thanks to the Lord for all He has done. If you have the conveniences, use the selected songs to enter the presence of God through praise and worship. God is with you as you gather in His name.

May each member of the family be strengthened to walk in their God-given love assignment.

We love you and your family.  
3CKids Team



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## What to prepare:

- Read John 15:9-14
- A container filled with random things (eg pencil, apple, scarf, ball, toy, snack etc)



## Praise and Worship:

Copy these links and paste it into your browser to play the songs of the week:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Wxi-F9R7Io> **(First)**
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F5txkvjH3Pk> **(Perfect Love)**
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=shzOEbCWWS0> **(I will go)**

## Memory verse:

John 15:12



**"This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you"**

## Declaration for the week:

**It is easy for me to love others**



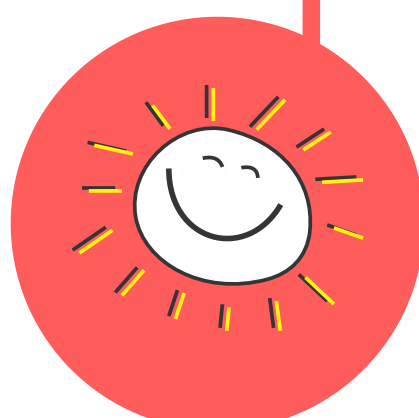
## Activity Sheets

The activities are added to aid with general knowledge

- Crossword
- Word search
- Make a love note sheet (younger kids)
- Write what you love about the people in your family (older kids)
- Spot the difference

## Fitness Fun

Join in the fitness fun and beat the winter blues.



## Lesson Time

Icebreaker: Ask kids to talk about the people they love.

Who do they love? Why do they love those people? How do they show love to those people?

Say: Today we are going to learn about how God wants us to love others like He loves us. This is the best way we can live... loving others!

Pray : "Father God, thank you for this time to hear from your word. I am ready to learn how I can love others like you love me. Thank you that my family will never be the same. In Jesus name I pray. Amen"

Repeat the declaration: *It is easy for me to love others*

Read the story: (John 15:9-14)

"I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. 10 When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love. 11 I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! 12 This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. 13 There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command."

Ask: Do you know Jesus loves you? He loves you more than you can know.

Ask: Do you know Jesus loves all people? Everyone is important to Him.

Say: While He was on earth, Jesus loved all people. He loved thieves, sinners, sick people, healthy people, poor people, children and all his followers. He loved people who loved Him and those who did not want to hear from Him. He loved difficult and dangerous people too.

Since we are loved by Him, He calls us to love others like He loves us. Loving others like Jesus did is not always easy but just like Jesus we can love people who are different and difficult through the help of the Holy Spirit. When our hearts are full of God's love, we can easily love everyone God brings to us.

Repeat the declaration: *It is easy for me to love others*

Use the activity for application: I love it because...

What you need: Container of random items

What you do: Let each child choose one item out of the container of random items.

Let the child finish the sentence, "I love this [name of item] because . . ."

Explain that even if they do not love the item, they should find something lovable about it.

(For example: "I love this pencil because I can draw things with it." "I love this book because it has great pictures in it." "I love this whisk because it's shiny.")

Every child must get a turn and if you have few children, let them have a second turn.

What you say: So that was kind of silly, right? [name some of the random items] are not things we usually LOVE, are they? But just think: If we can find something to love about these things that are eventually going to be lost or worn out, think about how much more important it is to find something to love about people – the people who God created and loves!



**Application:**

Say: If you would like to ask God to help you love people like He asks us to, pray with me.

Pray after me: "Father God, thank you for loving me perfectly. It can be really easy for me to forget about others and think only about myself. Please forgive me. Change me today so I can love others the way you love me. Thank you that with you it is easy for me to love others. In Jesus name, Amen."

**The five confessions of the blood:**

When we speak about what the blood of Jesus has done for us, we are changed to be just like Him so we can love like Him. So, speak about what the blood of Jesus has done for you.

- By the blood of Jesus, I have been redeemed from the power of the enemy.
- By the blood of Jesus, all my sins are forgiven.
- Because I spend time with other Christians, the blood of Jesus cleanses me
- By the blood of Jesus, I am justified and God sees me as if I have never sinned.
- By the blood of Jesus, I am sanctified and set apart for God's holy purpose

**Devotion plans:**

The devotions are aimed to help each child spend daily quiet time with the Lord through His word. If you have the means, assist each child to create a special place and help allocate a special time for their devotion.

Younger children: we encourage you to spend a few minutes a day reading the scripture to your child and helping them say the declaration.

Older children: help the children to read the daily scripture, reflect on what the Lord is saying to them and then write their own declaration for the day.

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