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Making Jesus Christ known, one story at a time.



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We suggest that you print pages 2 - 5 and distribute them to your students.



Topic:
LOVE



Read the Bible References: The Bible references can be read by different children if possible. Or the teacher can read them.



Goal of Lesson:

- To encourage students to show love just like God loves us.



Lesson Takeaway:

God wants us to love one another just as He loves us too.



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Bible References:

1 Corinthians 13: 1 – 13;

John 3:16 – 17;

Matthew 22: 34 – 40.



Explain the meaning of love.

Love is a very popular word today. We use it almost every day. Love is a word used to describe a strong feeling of warmth, affection or admiration for someone or something. When you love someone, you care for them and are concerned about their well-being or welfare.

When we talk about the love of God, it is a deep affection and compassion for all creatures – whether they believe in Him or not. This love does not change at all. God is always loving.



What does the bible say about God's love?

It is important to know that the way love is defined in the world is different from how God's love is described in the bible. Let's look at what the bible says about love.

In John 13:34 – 35 and John 15:12, we are commanded to love just like Jesus loves us. The world will tell you to love only when you feel like doing so; that you should love others based on how you feel. God's love is not based on how He feels about us. Love is God's greatest command to us (Matthew 22:34 – 40).

In 1 John 4:19, the bible says, "We love Him because He first loved us". This means God loved us first even before we knew Him or could express our love to Him.



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What does the bible say about love? (Contd.)

In fact, while we were still sinners, breaking God's laws, He loves us still – and this love made Him send Jesus to the world to pay the price for our sins by dying on the cross (Romans 5:8; John 3:16). This is the greatest love we can ever experience (John 15:13).

We are encouraged to do everything we do in love. Nothing should be done out of anger, strife, jealousy or hatred. God wants to fill our hearts with His love so we can share that love with those around us including our friends, family members, neighbours (see 1 Corinthians 16:14; Galatians 5:13 – 14).

God expects us to love people. The bible describes love like a debt we owe people and must pay them. We owe people our love (Romans 13:8).

It is easy to keep God's commandments if we love Him (John 14:15). Think about it: if you have a friend at school, for example, who told you, "Please, don't tickle me. I don't like it". If you love this friend of yours, you will do everything possible not to tickle them. You don't want to see them sad or hurt.

God wants us to extend love to the people who hate us – our enemies (Luke 6:35). Well, this is different from what the world wants us to do. The world will tell you to get rid of your enemy, but God asks us to love them.



How does God want us to show love today?

God wants us to love Him, love our neighbours and love ourselves. God is love and He is the perfect example of love. Nobody can ever love you the way God loves you.



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How does God want us to show love today? (Contd.)

To love others like God means the following:

- i. We need to accept the love of God into our hearts. God's love is a gift we did not ask for or deserve. When we confess our sins and ask for His forgiveness, His love floods our hearts. God is love and when we know Him through a relationship with Him, we can then learn to love others (1 John 4:7 – 8).
- ii. We need to allow God to work in our hearts. It is a gradual process where God shows us our unloving nature and helps us to trust Him to love others instead of hating them. Love is a sign that God is working in our hearts (Galatians 5:22).
- iii. We need to be sincere and genuine with people. We are not to pretend or deceive people (Romans 12:9).
- iv. We need to pray for people (Ephesians 6:18).
- v. We need to be quick to forgive when people offend or hurt us (1 Corinthians 13:5).
- vi. We need to speak kind words about people and not gossip (1 Corinthians 13:5,6).
- vii. We need to be patient with people (1 Corinthians 13:4).



Memorize:

John 15:13 – Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.



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Questions:

- i. Mention some ways that you can show love to people you meet every day.
- ii. Who showed us the greatest love? How did he show the greatest love?



Remember: God wants us to love one another just as He loves us too.



Let us pray: Dear God, thank You for loving me so much. You showed the greatest love when you sent Your Son, Jesus to die on the cross for my sins so that I can be free and be close to You again. Please teach me to love others just like you want me to. I ask this in Jesus' name, amen!



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