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We suggest that you print pages 2 - 6 and distribute them to your students.



Topic: God is 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 explain to students that God is love.



Lesson Takeaway:

God is love. True love comes from God. We don't have to do anything to earn God's love.



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Bible References:

1 John 3:1 – 3; 4:7 – 19;  
Jeremiah 31:3.



What does it mean to love?

To love means to care deeply for someone, to want their best and to work towards their best.

To love others, it means that we are selfless, kind and compassionate.

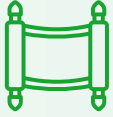
Love is not just a feeling, though you could feel warm and happy about the person you love. Love is more about a decision shown through action and words.

When we talk about God's love, it is different from the love expressed by a human being.

The love of God is unconditional, meaning we do not have to do anything to earn God's love. The love of God is constant meaning God does not love today and forget to love tomorrow.

Only God can truly love without bias or condition attached to the love. He is the source of love.





## How did God show His love in the Old Testament?

God's love shines through history right from the Old Testament. Let's see some examples.

### 1. In the wilderness with the people of Israel

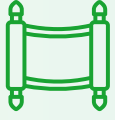
Exodus 19:4 paints a picture of God's love for the people of Israel as they travelled through the wilderness to the promised land. The bible says God bore the people of Israel on eagles' wings. This verse paints a beautiful picture of God's care, mercy, kindness, compassion, concern and pity for the people of Israel. God kept them safe and secure, provided all that they needed, kept them healthy, repeatedly reminded them of how much He loved them, and his great promises and blessings for them.

The problem was that the people of Israel were always disobeying God's instructions and commandments for them. They were stiff necked people and did not hear or obey God but preferred to do things their own way, doing things contrary to God's commandment (Exodus 33:3; Jeremiah 17:23). Even with the disobedience of the people of Israel, God often forgave and showed them mercy because of His great love for them.

### 2. Hagar and Ishmael

Hagar was Sarah's maid. Hagar and Abraham gave birth to Ishmael. Later, Abraham sent Hagar and Ishmael out of the house because they were having troubles with Sarah. Hagar and Ishmael left Abraham's house and were wandering in the wilderness of Beersheba. Their water had finished, and they were very tired. Ishmael looked like he was going to die. They started to cry. God heard them and showed them a well nearby where they could get water. God also promised to be with them (Genesis 21:8 – 21). God's love in action is pity for the helpless, answering their cry and giving them what they needed.





## How did God show His love in the Old Testament? (contd.)

### 3. Abraham negotiates with God on Sodom and Gomorrah

Sodom and Gomorrah had done evil things against God and God was ready to punish them for their sins. He told Abraham about his plan. Abraham begged God to find a reason not to punish these cities. God was willing to find a reason, so He listened to Abraham's pleas. However, God could not find only ten righteous people in these cities and had to punish them (Genesis 18:20 – 33).

God's willingness to negotiate with Abraham to reconsider the punishment for Sodom and Gomorrah shows His love. Love is patient and selfless. Again, God could have withdrawn His punishment if He found only ten people in these cities. This is God's love and mercy even in judgement.

You remember Jonah in the city of Nineveh? The people of Nineveh turned to God and away from their evil and God did not punish them (Jonah 3:8-10).

It is not God's desire for anyone to perish or be punished.

But punishments are consequences of sinful choices people make.



## How did God show His love in the New Testament?

In the New Testament, the love of God continues to shine through. It was even clearer as Jesus came to the world to show us God's love in action.

While Jesus was physically on earth, His life was full of love. He showed love to everyone He met including His enemies – the leaders of the law who did not recognise Him as God and were always looking for how to make him look bad, until they finally killed him.



## How did God show His love in the New Testament? (contd.)

Jesus showed God's love through the many miracles He did – the feeding of the hungry (Matthew 14:15 – 21), the blind could see (Matthew 9: 27 – 31), the deaf could hear (Mark 7:31 – 37), the dead were raised back to life (Luke 7:11–16) and many more.

God showed His love by bringing us salvation and freedom from sin (John 3:16; Romans 5:8; 1 John 4:9 – 10).

Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, we are forgiven of our sins. We have peace with God. We can freely and boldly relate to God. The love of God made it possible for us to be in a peaceful relationship with God, rather than a fearful relationship.

And it doesn't end there. God wants us to be with Him eternally, forever and ever (John 14:1 – 3). God has gone to prepare a place for us, and He will come back again to take us so we can be with Him forever.



## How has God been showing His love to us today?

God continues to show us His love today through the blessings He give us. He guides us as we make decisions so that we don't make mistakes. He keeps us safe, forgives us, provides all that we need, heals us when we are sick, and hears us when we pray. He fills our hearts with His peace and joy.

When we read the bible, the Holy Spirit whispers in our heart and reminds us how much God loves us. He gives us victory over temptation because He is happy when we overcome sin. He gives us grace to obey Him and keep His commandments. He helps us to show love to others as well.





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How should you respond to the love of God?

God loves you very much. Sometimes, you don't feel it and that's OK. All you need to do is believe that He loves you. Read the bible to find out how much He loves you. As you read the bible, your faith will grow, and you will begin to understand His love for you.

As you wake up each day, ask God to help you see and experience His love. Thank God for His love for you. Ask Him to help you show His love to others too especially those who act like your enemy.



Memorize:

1 John 4:8 – He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.



Questions:

1. Mention three ways that God showed His love in the Old and New Testament.
2. How does God show His love to us today?



Remember:

God is love. True love comes from God. We don't have to do anything to earn God's love.



Let us pray:

Dear God, thank You for loving me so much and I don't have to do anything to deserve Your love. Help me Lord to always remember how much you love me and never to doubt your love. Help me to also show Your love to the people I meet every day. I ask this in Jesus' name, amen.

