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God Loves Us

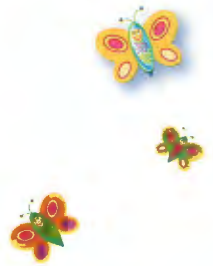


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Hearts Are Good

Love is a special gift God puts in our hearts.
God's love makes us happy.
God sent Jesus into the world
to show us his love. ❤️



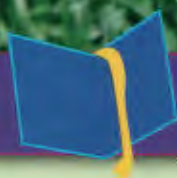


Jesus loves everyone.

Jesus wants us to love everyone too.

Jesus showed love for his friends.

We bring Jesus' love to others.



Scripture

Jesus says, "Love one another
as I love you." Based on John 13:34

Try This

- Connect the dots from 1 to 10.
- See what Jesus gave his friends.
- Color it.
- Draw a fire on the sticks where Jesus cooked breakfast for his friends.

Thank God for the gift of love.



Loving in Families



The Lesson Your Child Learned

God's love was fully revealed to us in Jesus. The Christian religion is based on a love relationship between God and the human person. We want our children to realize that God loves them personally. They learn to accept themselves as persons worthy to be loved by God and by others. In this chapter the children heard again about God's great love for them as shown through Jesus and through the loving people God places in their lives. They were invited to share in Jesus' love by showing love for others. They heard about Jesus' love for his friends in the story of the large catch of fish and cooking breakfast. (John 21:1-14)

Living the Lesson

Think of all the books, movies, TV shows, songs, and soap operas that gain dramatic tension by observing two people on the verge of falling in love. They capture and convey a longing that seems universal, as if the whole world is holding its breath, waiting for love to erupt in their lives.

This great longing is holy. It's a manifestation of our desire to know and to experience God's love for us. God placed this desire to know, love, and serve him deep in our hearts. God also sent his Son, the embodiment of divine love, as the true response to our deepest longing.

As parents we are in a position to teach our children about love by simply loving them well. At our best, we model the love of God in our own love. When we tend to our children when they're sick, listen to them when they are troubled, share their joy during play, and nurture their bodies, minds, and souls, we are preparing them to live a life of love. They become ready to expect God's love and are more likely to see signs of it all around them.

—Tom McGrath, author of *Raising Faith-Filled Kids* (Loyola Press)



Bringing the Lesson Home

- Read with your child the pages from this chapter that were sent home.
- Ask your child to tell you about the heart pendant he or she received as a reminder to love as Jesus did.
- Encourage your child's efforts to show love and care for others at home, in the neighborhood, and at school. Notice times your child acts with loving kindness and commend him or her. Be specific.
- In secret, say or do something today to make every member of your family feel loved and appreciated.

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