

HOME connection

ST Unit: None Like Him, Lesson 1

D6 Family Theme:

GOD IS LOVE

Objectives:

Know: God's very nature is love, and His actions demonstrate what love is like.

Think: View love for God and love for others as the guiding principles of my life.

Do: Follow God's example of love and demonstrate love as a way to draw near to Him.



READ: LISTEN TO GOD

Read 1 John 4:7-19; Psalm 40; Ephesians 2:1-10; Romans 5:6-11; John 3:16-17. Love is a universal concept. Regardless of racial, political, social, or geographical factors, every culture knows of and values love on some level. God's very nature is love, and that affects our relationship with Him, and with others.



PRAY: TALK TO GOD

Knowing God and experiencing His love leads to loving others. Pray that your family will follow God's perfect example of love when living out your day-to-day lives, especially when dealing with those we are uncomfortable around.



DO: WALK WITH GOD

Option 1: The Bible consistently reminds us that God is love. His love for us was demonstrated through the sending of His Son to die on the cross for our sins. As Christians, we are to follow His perfect example of love. Pour your child a glass of milk and tell him or her it is like our love for others. Ask your child what could make the milk better, and then add chocolate or strawberry syrup depending on your child's preference. Mix it into the milk and have your child take a drink. The syrup represents God's love for us. When we allow God's love to permeate our own, it becomes better. Pray with your child that he or she will allow God's love to overflow from within when dealing with others.

Option 2: Use these questions to get your family thinking about love:

- *How do you answer when someone asks you what you love or what you love to do?*
- *What evidence is there that you actually love these things? (Our actions bear out how we truly feel. If we sacrifice for them and they are a true priority, then we love them.)*
- *What is something you once didn't care for that you learned to love over time? How did that change occur?*

THIS WEEK IN D6 CURRICULUM:



PRE-
SCHOOL

Today your child heard a story Jesus told about a younger son who asked for the money his dad was saving for him. His father gave it to him, and the son left home. He made wrong choices, and spent all of his money. He got a job feeding pigs. Even though the son left, his father still loved him. **God Is Awesome** and He is loving.



K & 1
GRADE



2 & 3
GRADE

Today your student began learning about the different attributes of God. He or she learned God is love. The Bible gives us many examples of God's great love for us—the greatest is the sacrifice of His Son for our sin. Students were encouraged to show God's love to others through their thoughts, words, and actions.



4 & 5
GRADE



YOUNG
TEEN



HIGH
SCHOOL

Teens began a study on the attributes of God by exploring His great love. They were reminded that God does not just love: He is love. They discussed His love by exploring His actions. Ask your teens for a definition of love as they see it in their daily lives. Ask them how it compares to God's love. Discuss ways that your family can be a conduit of God's love to those around you.



YOUNG
ADULT

Group members discussed the love of God and were challenged to consider how God's love should influence our love for others.



ADULT

Adult groups discussed how God's very nature is love, and how His love affects their relationship with Him and with others. Adults were encouraged to discuss difficult trials we face, and how it changes our perspective to remember that God loves us and can use even the most difficult circumstances for our ultimate good.