



## The Love of God: 5-Week Children’s Ministry Curriculum

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 **Big Idea:** Nothing in this world compares to God’s love.

 **Memory Verse:** John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

 **Theme Hook:** Discovering true love despite the Valentine’s Day hype

Kids hear about “love” everywhere in February—candy hearts, crushes, and silly movies—but those messages are confusing and don’t last. Sometimes, “love” sounds like it’s just about feelings or gifts, and that can leave kids feeling left out or unsure what real love is.

The LOVE of God 4-week series helps children look past all the Valentine’s Day hype to discover what real love looks like in the Bible. Each week, we’ll investigate a new story that spells L-O-V-E and shows why God’s love is the best love of all.

 **Gospel Connection:** Across L-O-V-E, children trace the storyline of redemption: humanity’s fall, God’s rescuing pursuit, Christ’s victorious sacrifice, and the promise of eternal life. Each week points beyond “try harder” to trusting Jesus’ finished work.

# 4-Week Lesson Overview

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## Week 1 – God’s Love is (L) Long-Suffering

- Bible Story: Adam & Eve Disobey but God Still Cares (Genesis 3)
- Key Discovery: Even when I mess up, God still loves me and wants to forgive me.
- Takeaway: I can always ask God for forgiveness and know He will still love me.

## Week 2 – God’s Love is (O) One-of-a-Kind

- **Bible Story:** The Parable of the Lost Sheep (Matthew 18:10-14)
- **Key Discovery:** I am so important to God that He will always come looking for me.
- **Takeaway:** I can remember that I matter to God and help others know they matter too.

## Week 3 – God’s Love is (V) Victorious

- **Bible Story:** Jesus and Nicodemus (John 3:1-21)
- **Key Discovery:** Jesus loves me so much that He gave His life so I can live forever with Him.
- **Takeaway:** I can always trust Jesus to save me and give me hope for forever.

## Week 4 – God’s Love is (E) Eternal

- **Bible Story:** David’s Song & John the Baptist’s Birth (Psalm 139:13-18; Luke 1:39-45)
- **Key Discovery:** God’s love for me never ends—He has loved me since before I was born.
- **Takeaway:** I can always trust that God will love me no matter what, every single day.

## Week 5 – LOVE is for Sharing

- **Bible Story:** The Early Church Shares Everything (Acts 2:42-47)
- **Key Discovery:** God’s love grows stronger when we share it with others through kindness and community.
- **Takeaway:** I can show God’s love by sharing what I have and helping others know about Jesus.





## John 3:16 NIV

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# Week 1 – Supply List

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## **Group Game – Detective Freeze!**

- open play area
- upbeat music track or drum beat

## **Object Lesson – The Broken Rule**

- large paper heart labeled **LOVE** (torn into pieces)
- tape or glue stick

## **Bible Story Teaching**

- Bible
- optional: printed visual (provided below)

## **Word Search & Coloring Page**

- Printed word search handouts (provided below, 1 per child)
- Printed coloring page (provided below, 1 per child)
- Crayons or colored pencils

## **Craft – Heart Garden Drawing**

- white paper (1 per child)
- crayons or washable markers



# Introduction Game (5 minutes)

## Detective Freeze!

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### Supplies Needed:

- open play area
- upbeat music track or drum beat for movement timing

**TEACHER:** Agents, it's time to test our detective reflexes. Today's mission: discover what happens when someone messes up—and how God's love never quits. Even when Adam and Eve disobeyed, God still cared for them.

### Setup:

1. Choose one player to start as the Detective (tagger).
2. When the music starts, all other agents move carefully around the room (walk or light jog).
3. When the Detective tags a player, that player freezes—they've been "caught" making a mistake.
4. Another free agent can "forgive" the frozen player by gently tagging them while saying, "God still loves you!"
5. Once tagged, the frozen player returns to the game and may help rescue others.
6. Switch Detectives every few minutes so everyone gets a turn.

**Debrief:** Agents, today you learned our first clue: Even when I mess up, God still loves me. God's love never freezes—it always forgives.



# Object Lesson (5 minutes)

## The Broken Rule

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### Supplies needed:

- 1 large paper heart labeled "LOVE"
- 1 marker
- tape or glue

**TEACHER:** God created Adam and Eve because He wanted to love them and be close to them. Everything was perfect in the beginning! Let's pretend this heart shows our perfect relationship with God.

*Hold up the paper heart.*

"But then Adam and Eve chose to disobey God's one rule. They ate the fruit He said not to eat. When they sinned, it broke their relationship with God."

*Slowly tear the heart into two pieces.*

Sin always separates us from God. It hurts our friendship with Him. But here's the amazing part—God didn't stop loving Adam and Eve. His love is patient! He already had a plan to fix what was broken.

*Use tape or glue to put the heart back together.*

God's love is long-suffering—it means He keeps loving us even when we mess up. That's why He sent Jesus to bring our hearts back together with His.



# Bible Story (15 minutes)

## God's Love is (L) Long-Suffering (Genesis 3)

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**TEACHER:** Agents, our mission today takes us to the very first mystery in the Bible—The Case of the Missing Trust. God gave Adam and Eve everything they needed, but something went wrong in the Garden. Let's find the clue that shows God's love never quits.

Genesis 3 tells how sin first entered the world. Even when Adam and Eve disobeyed, God didn't abandon them. He called to them, cared for them, and promised a Savior. That's long-suffering love—love that keeps going even when it hurts.

**READ (NIV): Genesis 2:15–17** *"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.""*

God gave Adam and Eve freedom and one clear rule—so they could trust Him and choose love.

**READ (NIV): Genesis 3:1–4** *"Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree... or you will die.'" "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman."*



The serpent twisted God's words. When we stop trusting what God says, trouble starts.

**READ (NIV): Genesis 3:6** *"When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it."*

Adam and Eve chose to disobey. Sin entered the world—and suddenly, they felt shame and fear. It was like the heart of love between them and God was torn.

**READ (NIV): Genesis 3:8–9** *"Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees. But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"*

Even after they sinned, God didn't stay away—He *came looking for them*. That's our big clue today! God's love doesn't give up; He searches for His children.

**READ (NIV): Genesis 3:21** *"The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them."*

God provided clothes to cover their shame and promised one day to send a Savior who would defeat sin forever. Even when they messed up, God still cared for them.

**Summary:** God's love is **long-suffering**—it lasts even when we fail. Adam and Eve disobeyed, but God forgave, protected, and promised hope.

Say together: Even when I mess up, God still loves me and wants to forgive me.



**GOSPEL CONNECTION:** From the very beginning, God planned to send Jesus to fix what sin broke. On the cross, Jesus took our punishment and showed the deepest kind of love—patient, forgiving, forever. When we trust Him, He cleans our hearts and makes us new detectives of His love.







# Discussion Questions & Prayer (5-10 minutes)

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**TEACHER:** Agents, today we uncovered our first big clue: Even when I mess up, God still loves me and wants to forgive me. God's love doesn't stop when we fail—it waits patiently for us to turn back to Him.

## Discussion Questions:

1. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, what did He do instead of walking away?
2. What does "long-suffering" mean in your own words? (Hint: patient love that doesn't quit.)
3. How can you show patient love to someone this week the way God shows it to you?

**PRAYER:** God, thank You for loving us even when we disobey You. Your love is patient and kind. Help us remember that You never give up on us. When we mess up, remind us to come to You for forgiveness. And teach us to show that same patient love to others.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



# Word Search Puzzle

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ADAM – CARE – CREATION – EDEN – EVE – FORGIVE – FRUIT

GOD – LOVE – MERCY – PATIENT – PROMISE – SIN

W	P	G	P	R	R	S	O	S	M	F
K	P	F	O	R	G	I	V	E	O	I
S	W	U	R	D	O	N	Q	E	N	P
R	V	X	G	U	M	M	X	O	L	A
Y	Y	Y	A	Z	I	G	I	E	O	T
R	N	X	T	D	S	T	C	S	V	I
G	X	Y	A	S	A	B	M	F	E	E
Z	Z	E	D	E	N	M	E	V	R	N
B	Q	O	R	X	U	O	R	A	W	T
G	B	C	T	I	K	R	C	S	T	P
S	G	O	W	S	U	Q	Y	Q	Q	W



# Word Search Answers

W P G P R R S O S M F  
K P F O R G I V E O I  
S W U R D O N Q E N P  
R V X G U M M X O L A  
Y Y Y A Z I G I E O T  
R N X T D S T C S V I  
G X Y A S A B M F E E  
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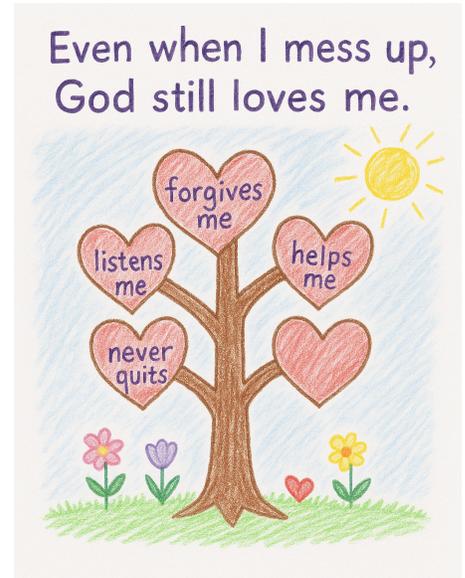
# Craft Activity (5-10 minutes)

## Supplies Needed:

- plain white paper (1 per child)
- crayons or washable markers

**TEACHER:** Agents, today's craft clue shows how God's love keeps growing—even after we mess up.

1. Give each child a blank paper and crayons.
2. Say: "Draw a big tree in your garden—its branches can hold hearts instead of fruit."
3. Around the tree, add flowers, grass, sunshine, and a few tiny hearts on the ground.
4. On each heart, write or draw something that shows God's love: *forgives me*, *listens*, *helps me*, *never quits*.
5. Across the top, have them write: Even when I mess up, God still loves me.
6. When finished, invite kids to hold up their drawings and say together:  
"Case closed—God's love grows even after mistakes!"



**Debrief:** God's love never stops growing. He keeps caring for us, forgiving us, and helping us try again—because His love is *long-suffering*.



## Week 2 – God’s Love is (O) One-of-a-Kind

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- **Bible Story:** The Parable of the Lost Sheep (Matthew 18:10-14)
- **Key Discovery:** I am so important to God that He will always come looking for me.
- **Takeaway:** I can remember that I matter to God and help others know they matter too.

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# Week 2 – Supply List

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## Group Game – Lost Sheep Search

- 1 small stuffed sheep or paper sheep cutout
- optional flashlight or magnifying-glass props
- clue cards that say: “Keep looking!” and “Found!”
- optional soft background music

## Object Lesson – The Missing Piece

- one small puzzle (5–12 pieces)
- one piece removed and placed in an envelope labeled *CLUE #2*
- optional magnifying-glass prop

## Bible Story Teaching

- Bible
- optional: printed visual (provided below)

## Word Search & Coloring Page

- printed word-search handouts (provided below, 1 per child)
- printed coloring page (provided below, 1 per child)
- crayons or colored pencils

## Craft – Cotton-Ball Sheep

- white paper (1 per child)
- crayons or washable markers
- glue sticks
- cotton balls (4–6 per child)



# Introduction Game (5 minutes)

## The Lost Sheep

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**Supplies Needed:** 1 small stuffed sheep or paper sheep cutout

**TEACHER:** Agents, your mission today is to find the missing sheep!

One of God's most powerful clues about His love is that He searches for each of us when we're lost.

### Setup:

1. Before class, hide the stuffed or paper sheep somewhere in the room where it's visible but not obvious.
2. Place a few "Keep looking!" clue cards in random spots and one "Found!" card near the hidden sheep.

### How to play:

1. Choose one detective to hide the sheep (or have a leader do it before the game).
2. Explain: "The sheep is lost, and the True Love Detectives must find it!"
3. Let all kids search quietly around the room.
4. When someone finds the sheep, everyone gathers and says together:  
"Found! God's love never gives up!"
5. Play again by hiding the sheep in a new location or letting another agent hide it.

**Debrief:** Agents, God's love is *one-of-a-kind*. He loves you so much that He comes looking for you, no matter what. You matter to Him—and so does every person.

# Object Lesson (5 minutes)

## The Missing Piece

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### Supplies Needed:

- one small puzzle (5–12 pieces, simple image)
- one piece intentionally removed before class
- small box or envelope labeled “CLUE #2” for the missing piece

**TEACHER:** Agents, today we’ve got a new case—The Case of the Missing Piece.

*Hold up the puzzle box or picture.*

This puzzle is almost perfect... but not quite. Let’s start putting it together.

*Invite a few kids to help assemble the puzzle. When they realize a piece is missing, pause dramatically.*

Oh no! The picture isn’t complete. Something important is missing—just like a shepherd notices when even one sheep is gone.

*Take out the envelope labeled CLUE #2 and pull out the final piece.*

When it’s added, show the completed image. God’s love is like this puzzle. He notices when someone is missing and goes looking until they’re found. That’s what the shepherd did—and that’s what God does for us. How do you think God feels when someone comes back to Him? God’s love is *one-of-a-kind* because He searches for every single person. You matter to Him.

**Debrief:** When you feel forgotten, remember: God sees you, loves you, and will never stop searching for you—because His love is one-of-a-kind.



# Bible Story (15 minutes)

## God's Love Is One-of-a-Kind (Matthew 18:10–14)

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Agents, this week's case is called "The Lost Sheep Mystery." Have you ever lost something really important—like a toy or your backpack? You probably searched until you found it. That's what Jesus says God does for us.

In this parable, Jesus teaches that every person is precious to God. Even when someone wanders away, He goes searching until they're found. God's love doesn't give up—it's one-of-a-kind.

**READ (NIV): Matthew 18:10** *"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven."*

Jesus starts by reminding us that every child and every person matters to God. No one is too small or unimportant for His love.

**READ (NIV): Matthew 18:12** *"What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off?"*

The shepherd had ninety-nine sheep safe at home—but he noticed *one* was missing. God's love is like that shepherd's love. He notices when you're hurting or far away, and He comes looking.

**READ (NIV): Matthew 18:13–14** *"And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off."*



*In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.”*

When the shepherd finds his lost sheep, he’s so happy! That’s how God feels when someone comes back to Him. He celebrates—because His love never gives up.

**Summary:** Each person is unique and valuable to God. He knows your name, your heart, and your story. God’s love is one-of-a-kind because He searches until every lost person is found. Let’s say it together, “I can remember that I matter to God and help others know they matter too.”

**GOSPEL CONNECTION:** God’s love is shown perfectly through Jesus. He came to rescue us, just like the shepherd in the story. Jesus found us when we were lost and brought us home to God. When we follow Him, we help others discover that same love—it’s one-of-a-kind.







# Discussion Questions & Prayer (5-10 minutes)

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**TEACHER:** Agents, today's clue showed us that God's love is truly *one-of-a-kind*. He notices each of us and searches until we're found. That means you—and every person you meet—matter to God.

## **Discussion Questions:**

1. What did the shepherd do when he realized one sheep was missing?
2. How does this story show that God's love is different from other kinds of love?
3. Who can you remind this week that they matter to God?

**Prayer:** *God, thank You that Your love never gives up. Thank You for searching for us when we feel lost and bringing us home to You. Help us remember that every person matters to You. Teach us to show that one-of-a-kind love to others.*

*In Jesus' name, Amen.*



# Word Search Puzzle

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ANGEL – FOUND – GOD – JESUS – JOY – LOST – LOVE – MATTER

ONE – SEARCH – SHEEP – SHEPHERD – UNIQUE

H	M	J	U	F	J	E	S	U	S	X
A	C	O	N	J	O	K	H	S	L	K
B	F	I	I	B	Y	C	E	N	G	U
P	A	W	Q	M	R	X	E	C	I	G
H	A	H	U	A	D	D	P	O	R	D
X	M	G	E	T	I	C	H	B	N	F
Q	B	S	C	T	X	G	E	U	U	E
R	A	N	G	E	L	L	O	S	T	U
S	T	H	M	R	U	F	O	D	D	G
Q	M	D	O	T	V	N	C	V	G	P
S	H	E	P	H	E	R	D	U	E	M



# Word Search Answers

H	M	J	U	F	J	E	S	U	S	X
A	C	O	N	J	O	K	H	S	L	K
B	F	I	I	B	Y	C	E	N	G	U
P	A	W	Q	M	R	X	E	C	I	G
H	A	H	U	A	D	D	P	O	R	D
X	M	G	E	T	I	C	H	B	N	F
Q	B	S	C	T	X	G	E	U	U	E
R	A	N	G	E	L	L	O	S	T	U
S	T	H	M	R	U	F	O	D	D	G
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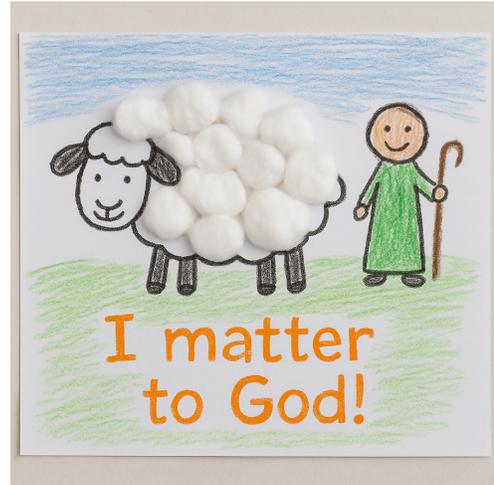
# Craft Activity (5-10 minutes)

## Cotton Ball Sheep

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### Supplies Needed

- white paper (1 per child)
- crayons or washable markers
- glue sticks
- cotton balls (4-6 per child)



**TEACHER:** Agents, today we're creating a soft clue to remind us that God's love always finds us—the missing sheep.

1. Give each child a sheet of paper.
2. Draw a large simple sheep shape (oval body, head, and four legs).
3. Say: "This sheep reminds us of the one the shepherd searched for in Jesus' story."
4. Help kids glue cotton balls all over the sheep's body to make it fluffy.
5. Add eyes, a smile, and a background—grass, hills, or a shepherd nearby.
6. At the bottom, have everyone write: I matter to God!
7. Once finished, hold them up and say together:  
"Found! God's love is one-of-a-kind!"

**Debrief:** God's love always searches for us and celebrates when we're found. Each person is precious to Him—one of a kind.



## Week 3 – God’s Love is (V) Victorious

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- Bible Story: Jesus and Nicodemus (John 3:1-21)
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# Week 3 – Supply List

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## Group Game – Victory Cheer Circle

- one soft ball (or rolled-up sock)
- optional upbeat music
- open space for a circle

## Object Lesson – The Shadow and the Light

- flashlight or small lamp
- small object (toy figure, heart cutout, or cross)
- plain wall or white paper backdrop

## Bible Story Teaching

- Bible
- optional: printed visual (provided below)

## Word Search & Coloring Page

- printed word-search handouts (provided below, 1 per child)
- printed coloring page (provided below, 1 per child)
- crayons or colored pencils

## Craft – Victory Medal

- white or colored paper (1 per child)
- crayons or washable markers
- scissors (optional, pre-cut circles for younger kids)
- hole punch (optional)
- yarn or string (about 18 inches per child)



# Introduction Game (5 minutes)

## Victory Cheer Circle

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### Supplies Needed:

- one soft ball (or rolled-up sock)
- optional upbeat music (for passing rhythm)
- open space for a circle

**TEACHER:** Agents, today's case is called "The Victory of Love." Jesus showed the greatest love ever by giving His life for us—and that means love wins forever! Let's celebrate His victory.

### Setup:

1. Have all kids stand in a circle.
2. Hold up the ball and say, "This is our victory clue—we're going to pass it carefully around the circle."
3. When the music starts, pass the ball from person to person.
4. When the music stops, the person holding the ball shouts out one of these truths (or makes up their own):
  - "Jesus gives us victory!"
  - "Love wins!"
  - "God's love never quits!"
5. Then start the music again and continue for several rounds.

**Debrief:** Agents, Jesus' love is victorious—it wins over sin, sadness, and fear. That's why we cheer today: Love wins!



# Object Lesson (5 minutes)

## The Shadow and the Light

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### Supplies Needed:

- flashlight or small lamp
- small object (toy figure, heart cutout, or cross)
- plain wall or white paper backdrop

**TEACHER:** Agents, every good detective needs light to see the truth. Today's clue shows us that Jesus' love is the light that wins over darkness.

*Turn off or dim the lights in the room. Shine the flashlight on the object to cast a shadow on the wall or paper.*

What do you see? The shadow reminds us of sin, fear, or sadness. Without light, we can't see clearly.

*Slowly move the flashlight closer to the object. The shadow shrinks.*

When Jesus shines His love into our lives, the darkness gets smaller—and then it disappears.

*Turn on the lights.*

Jesus' love is victorious—it shines brighter than any darkness in the world. Nothing can beat His love.

**Debrief:** Agents, remember this clue: whenever life feels dark, let Jesus' light shine. His love always wins.



# Bible Story (15 minutes)

## God's Love Is Victorious - John 3:1-21

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**TEACHER:** A man named Nicodemus came to meet Jesus in secret. He wanted answers about life, truth, and God's love. Let's investigate what he discovered! Nicodemus was a religious teacher who knew many rules, but he didn't understand the new life Jesus gives. Jesus explained that victory doesn't come from rules or being good enough—it comes from believing in God's Son.

**READ (NIV): John 3:1-2** *"Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.'"*

Nicodemus was curious but cautious. He came in the dark, unsure what others might think. But Jesus welcomed him—just like He welcomes us when we come with questions.

**READ (NIV): John 3:3-4** *"Jesus replied, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.' 'How can someone be born when they are old?' Nicodemus asked."*

Jesus wasn't talking about being a baby again. He meant being born spiritually—having a new heart through faith in Him.

**READ (NIV): John 3:5-8** *Jesus answered, 'No one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit... The wind blows wherever it*



*pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."*

We can't see the wind, but we can see what it does. God's Spirit works the same way—changing hearts we can't see. His love brings power and life.

**READ (NIV): John 3:16–17** *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."*

That's the greatest clue of all! Jesus' love is *victorious*. He gave His life so that sin and death would lose. When we believe in Him, we share that victory forever.

**Summary:** God's love wins! Jesus didn't come to punish us but to rescue us.

Through His death and resurrection, He brings light, hope, and eternal life. Let's say it together, "Jesus loves me so much that He gave His life!"

**GOSPEL CONNECTION:** Jesus' love is the ultimate victory—it defeated sin, fear, and death. We don't earn it; we just trust Him. When we believe, we're born again into a life full of God's power and love.







# Discussion Questions & Prayer (5-10 minutes)

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**TEACHER:** Agents, today we uncovered the biggest clue of all — Jesus' love wins! His love is so strong that it defeats sin and death. When we trust Him, we share in that victory forever.

## **Discussion Questions:**

1. Why did Nicodemus visit Jesus at night? What was he trying to understand?
2. What does it mean to be "born again" through God's love?
3. How can you show others that Jesus' love is victorious in your life?

**PRAYER:** *God, thank You for showing us victorious love through Jesus. Thank You that His light wins over darkness and His life wins over death. Help us trust You more each day and share Your love with others. Thank You that because of Jesus, love always wins. In Jesus' name, Amen.*



# Word Search Puzzle

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BELIEVE – BORN – CROSS – ETERNAL – FAITH – HOPE – JESUS

LIGHT – LOVE – NICODEMUS – SAVE – SPIRIT – VICTORY

I	L	N	J	E	S	U	S	Q	W	U
G	S	U	V	B	E	L	I	E	V	E
T	N	O	E	I	U	W	N	L	U	T
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# Word Search Answers



# Craft Activity (5-10 minutes)

## Victory Medal

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### Supplies Needed:

- white or colored paper (1 sheet per child)
- crayons or washable markers
- scissors (optional, pre-cut circles for younger kids)
- hole punch (optional)
- yarn or string (about 18 inches per child)



**TEACHER:** Agents, Jesus' love gives us the greatest victory

ever. Today, we'll make Victory Medals to celebrate that *Love Wins!*

1. Give each child a sheet of paper or a pre-cut circle.
2. Say: "This medal is a reminder that Jesus' love defeated sin and death."
3. Have kids draw and color a medal design—a big circle with ribbons, hearts, and a cross.
4. In the center, write: LOVE WINS!
5. Add smaller words or symbols like "Jesus," "Victory," or "Forever."
6. Punch a hole at the top and thread yarn or string so kids can wear it like a medal.
7. Once finished, invite kids to hold up their medals and shout together:  
"Jesus' Love Wins!"

**Debrief:** Jesus' love gives us victory that lasts forever. When we trust Him, we can celebrate that *Love Wins!* every day.



## Week 4 – God’s Love is (E) Eternal

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- Bible Story: David’s Song & John the Baptist’s Birth (Psalm 139:13-18; Luke 1:39-45)
- Key Discovery: God’s love for me never ends—He has loved me since before I was born.
- Takeaway: I can always trust that God will love me no matter what, every single day.

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# Week 4 – Supply List

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## **Group Game – Pass the Love**

- 1 paper or foam heart (or small plush heart)
- upbeat or soft background music
- open space for a circle

## **Object Lesson – The Circle of Love**

- plain white paper (1 per child or for demonstration)
- marker or crayon
- optional circular object (cup, lid, or roll of tape) to trace

## **Bible Story Teaching**

- Bible
- optional: printed visual (provided below)

## **Word Search & Coloring Page**

- printed word-search handouts (provided below, 1 per child)
- printed coloring page (provided below, 1 per child)
- crayons or colored pencils

## **Craft – Circle of God’s Love**

- white or colored paper (1 per child)
- crayons or washable markers
- round object to trace (cup, bowl, or lid) – optional



# Introduction Game (5 minutes)

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## Supplies Needed:

- 1 paper or foam heart (or a small plush heart if available)
- upbeat or soft background music
- open space for kids to sit in a circle

**TEACHER:** Agents, today we're discovering our final clue — God's love never ends! It keeps moving and growing, just like this heart we'll pass around our circle.

## Setup:

1. Have all kids sit in a circle.
2. Hold up the heart and say: "This heart represents God's love—it keeps going and never stops."
3. Explain that you'll play music while they pass the heart around. When the music stops, the child holding the heart says one thing they're thankful for about God's love. "God made me." "God forgives me." "God helps me," etc.

## How to Play:

- Start the music and let the heart pass around the circle.
- Stop the music at random times.
- Each time, let a new child share a short answer before starting again.
- Continue until everyone has had a turn.

**Debrief:** Agents, God's love keeps going—before we were born, today, and forever. No matter what happens, His love never stops!

# Object Lesson (5 minutes)

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## Supplies Needed:

- plain white paper (1 per child or for demonstration)
- marker or crayon
- optional circular object (cup, lid, or roll of tape) to trace

**TEACHER:** Agents, today's clue will help us see that God's love has no beginning and no end. It's eternal—that means forever!

*Hold up your paper and marker. Draw or trace a big circle.*

Where does a circle start? Where does it end? God's love is like this circle. It never begins and never stops—it's always been here and always will be.

*In the middle of the circle, write: God's Love Never Ends.*

**Debrief:** Agents, remember this clue: *God's love has no start and no finish.* His love goes on and on—forever and ever!



# Bible Story (15 minutes) God's love is Eternal (Psalm 139:13–18; Luke 1:39–45)

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**TEACHER:** Agents, today's investigation is about a love that never runs out. We'll look for clues in two different stories—one from King David and one from Mary, the mother of Jesus. Both remind us that God's love has *always* been with us, from before we were born and forever after.

David praised God for knowing him completely—even before he was born. Centuries later, Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, who was expecting baby John the Baptist. When Mary arrived, the baby leaped with joy because God's love and plan were already at work!

**READ (NIV): Psalm 139:13–14** *"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."*

David discovered a big clue: God loved him even before he was born! God made every part of us on purpose. He doesn't make mistakes—His love for us began before we took our first breath.

**READ (NIV): Luke 1:41–42, 45** *"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.*

*In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!" "Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"*



When Mary came to visit, even baby John jumped for joy! God's love was already at work in both babies' lives. From before birth to forever, God's love never stops moving.

**Summary:** From David's song to Mary's visit, we see the same truth—God's love is eternal. He loved us before we were born, He loves us today, and He will love us forever. Let's say it together, "God's love for me never ends—He has loved me since before I was born!"

**GOSPEL CONNECTION:** Before time began, God planned to show His love through Jesus. That love carried through creation, the cross, and into eternity. Because of Jesus, we can live forever in God's love—today, tomorrow, and always.







# Discussion Questions & Prayer (5-10 minutes)

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**TEACHER:** Agents, today's clue showed us something amazing—God's love has no beginning and no end. He loved us before we were even born, and He'll never stop loving us. That's what makes His love *eternal!*

## Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean that God "knit" us together before we were born?
2. How did baby John react when Mary visited Elizabeth? What does that show about God's love?
3. How does knowing God's love never ends make you feel or help you trust Him more?

**PRAYER:** God, thank You for loving us before we were even born. Thank You that Your love never runs out, never gives up, and never ends. Help us remember every day that we are wonderfully made and always loved by You.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



# Word Search Puzzle

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BIRTH – CREATOR – DAVID – ETERNAL – FOREVER – GOD – HEART

JESUS – JOHN – LOVE – MARY – PROMISE – WONDERFUL

D	R	R	N	E	F	J	R	B	F	H
M	B	H	P	T	O	J	C	G	E	E
W	O	N	D	E	R	F	U	L	D	A
J	N	O	C	R	E	U	V	O	A	R
C	G	C	M	N	V	Q	Y	V	V	T
I	V	V	P	A	E	R	Q	E	I	E
M	V	K	M	L	R	I	K	M	D	J
C	W	Y	E	G	E	Y	L	V	T	E
P	R	O	M	I	S	E	S	W	N	S
B	I	R	T	H	X	A	K	T	S	U
Q	J	E	C	R	E	A	T	O	R	S



# Word Search Answers

D R R N E F J R B F H  
M B H P T O J C G E E  
W O N D E R F U L D A  
J N O C R E U V O A R  
C G C M N V Q Y V V T  
I V V P A E R Q E I E  
M V K M L R I K M D J  
C W Y E G E Y L V T E  
P R O M I S E S W N S  
B I R T H X A K T S U  
Q J E C R E A T O R S



# Craft Activity (5-10 minutes)

## God's Circle of Love

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### Supplies Needed:

- white or colored paper (1 per child)
- crayons or washable markers
- round object to trace (cup, bowl, or lid) – optional



**TEACHER:** Agents, this week's clue reminds us that God's love has no beginning and no end. We're going to draw a circle of love to remember His forever care.

1. Give each child a sheet of paper.
2. Say: "Use your hand or a round object to draw a big circle. A circle doesn't start or stop—just like God's love!"
3. Inside the circle, write: God's Love Never Ends.
4. Around the edge, draw or color hearts, stars, and words that remind you of God's love—like "Forever," "Always," "Jesus," "Family," or "Peace."
5. Add bright colors to make it joyful and full of life!
6. When everyone is finished, hold up your drawings and say together:  
"God's love is eternal!"

**Debrief:** God's love has no start or finish—He has loved you from before you were born and will love you forever.



## Week 5 – LOVE is for Sharing

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- Bible Story: The Early Church Shares Everything (Acts 2:42–47)
- Key Discovery: God’s love grows stronger when we share it with others through kindness and community.
- Takeaway: I can show God’s love by sharing what I have and helping others know about Jesus.

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# Week 5 – Supply List

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## Group Game – Team Tower Challenge

- disposable cups, paper rolls, or building blocks (10–15 pieces per team)
- timer or phone stopwatch
- open space for small groups
- optional clue card: “LOVE grows when we share!”

## Object Lesson – The Overflowing Cup

- 2 clear cups (one inside the other or side by side)
- small pitcher or bottle of water
- shallow tray or large plate (to catch spills)
- optional paper towel for cleanup

## Bible Story Teaching

- Bible
- optional: printed visual (provided below)

## Word Search & Coloring Page

- printed word-search handouts (provided below, 1 per child)
- printed coloring page (provided below, 1 per child)
- crayons or colored pencils

## Craft – Sharing Heart Pockets

- construction paper (1 sheet per child)
- crayons or washable markers
- glue sticks
- scissors (optional – pre-cut hearts for younger kids)



# Introduction Game (5 minutes)

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## Supplies Needed

- disposable cups, paper rolls, or building blocks (10–15 pieces per team)
- timer or phone stopwatch
- open space for small groups to work
- optional: clue card that says “LOVE grows when we share!”

**TEACHER:** Agents, today’s mission is called Team Tower Challenge—because love grows stronger when we share and work together!

## Setup

1. Divide the class into small groups of 3–5 kids.
2. Give each team a small pile of cups, paper rolls, or blocks—make sure every team has the same number.
3. Set the timer for 2 minutes.

**How to Play:** Your goal is to build the tallest tower possible using only what you have—and you must share materials with another team at least once before the timer runs out. When time starts, groups begin building their towers. When the timer ends, everyone stops and observes each tower.

**Debrief:** When we share and work together, God’s love becomes stronger in our hearts and in our community. That’s what makes His love worth passing on!

# Object Lesson (5 minutes)

## The Overflowing Cup

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### Supplies Needed

- 2 clear cups (one inside the other or side by side)
- small pitcher or bottle of water
- shallow tray or large plate (to catch spills)
- optional: paper towel for cleanup

**TEACHER:** Agents, today we'll investigate what happens when we keep God's love to ourselves—and what happens when we share it!

*Hold up the first cup.*

This cup represents me. God keeps pouring His love into my life—every time I read His Word, pray, or spend time with others who love Him.”

*Begin pouring water slowly into the cup. Keep pouring until the water starts to overflow into the tray or into another cup.*

Look what happens! God's love doesn't stop when we're full—it overflows so we can share it with others. When we help, give, and care for others, we're letting God's love spill out of us. That's what the first believers did in Acts 2—they shared everything so everyone could know God's love.

**Debrief:** When we share what God gives us—our time, kindness, and help—His love keeps growing stronger in our hearts and our community.



# Bible Story (15 minutes)

## LOVE Is for Sharing (Acts 2:42–47)

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**TEACHER:** Agents, today's mission takes us to the very first group of Jesus-followers—the early church! They showed what *True Love Detectives* do best: they found ways to share God's love with everyone around them. Let's open the case file and see how they did it.

After Jesus rose from the dead and returned to heaven, His followers didn't stop the mission. They met together, shared everything, prayed, learned, and cared for each other. Their lives showed the world what God's love looks like in action.

**READ (NIV): Acts 2:42** *"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."*

The early believers wanted to learn more about Jesus. They studied the Bible together, prayed, and spent time as one big family.

**READ (NIV): Acts 2:44–45** *"All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need."*

These followers didn't keep what they had to themselves—they shared food, money, and even homes with people who needed help. God's love was overflowing from their hearts!

**READ (NIV): Acts 2:46–47** *"Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad*



*and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”*

When the believers shared with joy, people noticed! Others wanted to join them because they saw God’s love in action. The church kept growing—one heart at a time.

**Summary:** The early church teaches us that LOVE is for sharing. When we help, give, and care for others, we show the world what God’s love looks like. Let’s say it together, “I can show God’s love by sharing what I have and helping others know about Jesus.”

**GOSPEL CONNECTION:** The love we share comes from Jesus Himself. He gave everything for us—His time, His life, His forgiveness. When we share with others, we reflect His love and continue His mission on earth.







# Discussion Questions & Prayer (5-10 minutes)

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**TEACHER:** Agents, today we discovered our final clue—Love is for sharing! When we help others, give what we have, and work together, God’s love grows stronger in our community.

## **Discussion Questions:**

1. What are some things the early believers shared with each other?
2. How did their sharing show God’s love to others?
3. What’s one way you can share God’s love this week—at home, at school, or at church?

**PRAYER:** *God, thank You for showing us how to share Your love. Thank You for giving us friends, family, and a church where we can learn and serve together. Help us to be generous and kind, just like the early believers. Show us ways to help others and remind*



# Word Search Puzzle

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ACTS – BIBLE – CHURCH – FELLOWSHIP – GIVE – GOD – HELP

JESUS – JOY – LOVE – PRAYER – SHARE – TOGETHER

D F T O G E T H E R V  
I E S J O Y B F E D D  
N L A M D C J W F L E  
U L P A N H E H P R P  
W O P L C L S A A F K  
W W D R B T U H L N Y  
C S U I A F S V Q N U  
G H B R V Y I E Q W L  
C I W L O V E F P E V  
M P V E I O S R L K G  
D P Y E W Y T Q F L V



# Word Search Answers

D F T O G E T H E R V  
I E S J O Y B F E D D  
N L A M D C J W F L E  
U L P A N H E H P R P  
W O P L C L S A A F K  
W W D R B T U H L N Y  
C S U I A F S V Q N U  
G H B R V Y I E Q W L  
C I W L O V E F P E V  
M P V E I O S R L K G  
D P Y E W Y T Q F L V



# Craft Activity (5-10 minutes)

## Sharing Heart Pockets

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### Supplies Needed

- construction paper (1 sheet per child)
- crayons or washable markers
- glue sticks
- scissors (optional – pre-cut hearts for younger kids)



**TEACHER:** Agents, our final clue reminds us that God’s love grows stronger when we share it. Today we’ll make

Sharing Heart Pockets to hold ideas of how we can show love this week.

1. Give each child a sheet of construction paper.
2. Fold it in half and draw half a heart shape along the fold.
3. Cut along the line and open it up—it should make a full heart that opens like a pocket. (Pre-cut hearts if needed.)
4. Glue only the sides of the heart so the top stays open as a pocket.
5. Inside the pocket, have kids draw or write things they can share—like time, toys, smiles, kind words, prayers, snacks.
6. Decorate the outside of the heart with the title: LOVE Is for Sharing!

**Debrief:** The early church shared everything so others could know God’s love. We can do the same by giving and caring every day.