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## Theme

God's love is immeasurable.

## Object

A measuring cup; a tape measure; a watch.

## Scripture

John 3:14-21

## Children's Sermon: Measuring God's Love (John 3:14-21)

One of my favorite Bible verses begins, "For God so loved the world" (John 3:16). I was thinking about that verse and wondering just how great God's love is and how we could measure it.

This morning, I brought several things that we often use to measure stuff. I thought they might help us measure God's love.

Sometimes we measure ingredients. If I were making some cookies, which of these would I use to make sure that I put in exactly the right amount of flour, sugar, and milk? (Allow kids to pick between the measuring cup, a tape measure, and a watch.) That's right, we would use a measuring cup for cookies, but I wonder if we might use a measuring cup to measure God's love? The Bible says, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want....my cup runneth over" (Psalm 23:1,5). Well, if our cup runs over with God's love, I guess we couldn't use a measuring cup to measure it.

If we were building something, which of these would I use to measure the length, width, and height of different things? (Allow kids to pick between the measuring cup, a tape measure, and a watch.) That's right, a tape measure, but I wonder if we might use a tape measure to measure God's love? The Bible tells us that God's love is higher than the heavens (Psalm 108:4). If God's love is higher than the heavens, I don't think we could use a tape measure to measure it, could we

Which of these would I use to measure time? (Allow kids to pick between the measuring cup, a tape measure, and a watch.) We use a watch to measure time. There will probably be some people here this morning who will use their watches to measure how long the pastor's sermon lasts. I wonder if we could use a watch to measure how long God's love will last. The Bible tells us that God's love is from everlasting to everlasting (Psalm 103:17). Wow! If God's love is from everlasting to everlasting, I guess we couldn't measure it with a watch.

"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" (John 3:16). How do you measure a love like that? We can't measure it. We don't need to, but we do need to experience it.

My prayer for you today is, "That you may understand how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love really is. May you experience it, though it is so great you will never fully understand it" (Ephesians 3:18-19).

Dear God, we thank You for Your love—a love so great that You gave Your one and only Son so that we could have eternal life. In Jesus' name, amen.

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*FOR GOD SO LOVED  
THE WORLD...*



Measuring Gods Love  
Multiple Choice

## Measuring God's Love

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. John 3:16 (NIV)

Choose the word that best matches the definition.  
Answers can be found in John 3:16-17 (NIV)



- \_\_\_ 1. To set the punishment of someone who has committed a crime  
A. believes B. perish C. condemn D. loved
- \_\_\_ 2. To rescue from danger or harm  
A. save B. condemn C. perish D. eternal
- \_\_\_ 3. To die or be destroyed  
A. condemn B. save C. believes D. perish
- \_\_\_ 4. Lasting forever; without end  
A. save B. eternal C. whoever D. perish
- \_\_\_ 5. Male offspring  
A. daughter B. sister C. cousin D. Son
- \_\_\_ 6. Accepts something as being true, genuine, or real  
A. perish B. save C. believes D. world
- \_\_\_ 7. The creator of heaven and earth  
A. Moses B. whoever C. God D. life
- \_\_\_ 8. Cared very deeply for someone  
A. believed B. loved C. condemned D. world
- \_\_\_ 9. The earth with its inhabitants and everything upon it  
A. save B. perish C. world D. whoever
- \_\_\_ 10. Anyone; any person  
A. world B. whoever C. perish D. eternal

## Overflowing Cup Craft

### Object Connection: Measuring Cup



#### Materials:

- Paper cups (or printed cup template)
- Blue tissue paper or cotton balls
- Markers
- Glue
- Stickers (hearts, crosses, stars)

#### What They Do:

1. Each child decorates a paper cup.
2. Glue cotton or tissue at the top so it looks like the cup is **overflowing**.
3. Write on the cup:  
    **"God's love overflows!" – Psalm 23**

#### Teaching Moment:

Explain that when the Bible says "*my cup runneth over*" (Psalm 23), it means God gives us **more love than we can hold!**

