

c|Life Preschool

Unit 3 Lesson 4 I learn about God through the Bible

Heartprint: **God shows me who He is**

Memory Verse: **Romans 5:8**

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Link to our video large group: <https://youtu.be/9LOc9jDhOn0>

Song: Shine <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TnQ3vEHCb08>

Activity: Is this love?

Items Needed:

- Red Hearts (1 per child)
- Black Hearts (1 per child)
- These can be cut out of construction paper or drawn onto a piece of paper

Instructions: Give each child a black heart and a red heart. Explain that you are going to talk through the things from the Bible that love is. When they hear something that love is and that God is, they will raise up their red heart. If it is something not from the Bible and not from God, they will raise up their black heart. Here is a list of things to say:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● What Love is/does:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Patient○ Protects○ Is Kind○ Is Selfless○ Forgives○ Trusts○ Resists evil○ Hopes○ Lasts forever○ Perseveres | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● What Love isn't:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Hurt others○ Take away toys○ Tell a lie○ Disobey Mommy/Daddy○ Goes away○ Wants everything for itself○ Mean○ |
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Connection Point: Love is a lot of things. We learned today that God is love, so God is all those wonderful things too. Some of the things we are going to talk about now are not things of God. Let's see if you were listening and know the difference. Remember, God and love are always about good things. I am so glad we can learn these things about God from the Bible.

Craft: God is Love/Love is... mobile

Items Needed:

- “God is Love” color sheet
- Descriptive words of love (each child will have three sets of words - not cut up into individual words but in sets of 3-4 words)
- Crayons
- Yarn
- Tape
- At Home: You can use paper, crayons and markers to write God is love on a large piece of paper, and you can write all the other words on notecards or a smaller piece of paper.

Instructions: Have the children color their “God is Love” color sheet. They can also color the sets of words. Attach three strips of yarn to the back of the color sheet, then tape the descriptive words to the yarn to make a mobile

Connection Point: We are learning to be thankful. One of the ways we can be thankful is to learn about God, so we can tell Him thank you for all He does for us. Today, we are learning about God from the Bible. The Bible tells us that God is love, but what is love? Love is patient and kind. Love forgives, and love lasts forever. It protects, hopes, resists evil; it won't give up. Love trusts and love thinks of others first. If love does all these things, and God is love, then God is all of these things, too. Let's tell God thank You for being patient and kind, for protecting us, and for forgiving us.

Bible Lesson: I can learn about God through the Bible

Memory Verse: "but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 ESV <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GEyB0qIPWL8>

This week's story is taken from 1 John 4:7-8 & 1 Corin 13:4-8a: (God is love: 1 John 4:7-8; What love is/what God is: 1 Cor 13:4-8a)

I am going to show you a picture of someone I love. At the end of the story, I am going to ask you to tell me something or someone you love. You could tell me you love your mom or dad, brother or sister, grandparents, or maybe your puppy or cat? I want you to think really hard, so you can tell me one thing that you love.

This (show picture) is someone I love. (Elaborate for about 1 minute)

****Mine:** This is Daphne. She is my granddaughter. I loved her even before she was born. She is 4 years old now and we love to do things together. We go to the zoo when she comes to visit.

Do you know what it is like to love someone or something? Do you smile when you see someone you love? I smile SO BIG when I see (what you love). Let me see your big smile! Did you know that God is the one who gives you that ability to love?

God gives us this ability to love so that we would understand how He feels about us. Think about the person you love, God loves you even more than you can love. He smiles so big when He sees you. He loves to spend time with you, He wants the very best for you.

God even tells us what love is in the Bible. What do we know about the Bible? The Bible is God's word. The Bible is true, and the Bible is right. Did you know that you can see it when we are loving towards someone?

Other than smiling when we see someone we love, what else do we do when we love someone? (Let them answer a few things)

Did you know that God said love is patient and kind? Patience is when we wait nicely. Do you wait nicely? When you do, that is God helping you show love! How about being kind? Can you think about a time someone was kind to you? This morning I saw someone in this class being kind!

(Use an example of two kids from the beginning of the class as an example: Tommy helped Johnny find his lost toy or let him go in front of him, or Johnny helped Tommy put his stuff away)

When we are kind we are like God. God is kind!

I like thinking about these things and how we can show love to one another. In the Bible, God also tells us what love is not. Love is not jealous. Jealousy is wanting what someone else has. Love is not mean and love is not proud. Let me see your mean or mad face. Oh wow.. that doesn't feel loving... does it? When our face looks mean we are not loving! Love does not gossip. Gossip is talking badly about other people. Love does not lead us to always have our own way. Love is not angry. Love does not want bad things to happen to other people!

But LOVE DOES protect and trust and rejoices in the truth. I know I want to protect (Insert your person) if there is danger around!

God wants us to know what love is and that love itself comes from Him. We have love in our hearts so that we know God. God is love and love never fails. I am so glad we can learn about God through the Bible.

Now, let's see how well you guys were listening!

Questions:

1. Does God love us? (Yes!)
2. Can we love others? (Yes)
3. Where do we learn about love? (In the Bible)
4. Finish this sentence: God is _____ (love).
5. We can learn about God through the _____ (Bible).

Let's pray:

God, we thank you for teaching us about yourself from the Bible. You tell us that you are love and love is wonderful. Thank you for showing us what love is and what love is not. Help us to love others like you do. We love you. In your name we pray, Amen.

Patient

Protects

Kind

Selfless

Forgives

Trusts

Resists evil

Hopes

Lasts forever

Perseveres



