



Choosing to treat others the way you want to be treated

WEEK FOUR
K-5TH

READ 1 JOHN 4:7-8

DAY 1

Unscramble the words to complete the sentences below.

Leaves come from _____.
S T E E R

Rain comes down from the _____.
K S Y

Warmth comes from the _____.
N S U

Love comes from _____.
D G O

Where does love come from? Love comes from God! As the creator of everything, love was His idea. God is the source of all love. His love is perfect, just as He is perfect.

And that's good news for us. If we know God, we know how to love. If we choose to follow Him, then He will help us love others the way He does. When you're having a hard time loving someone else, ask God to help you and He will. Because loving is what He's best at.

THANK God for loving you so that you can love others.

READ 1 JOHN 4:9-11

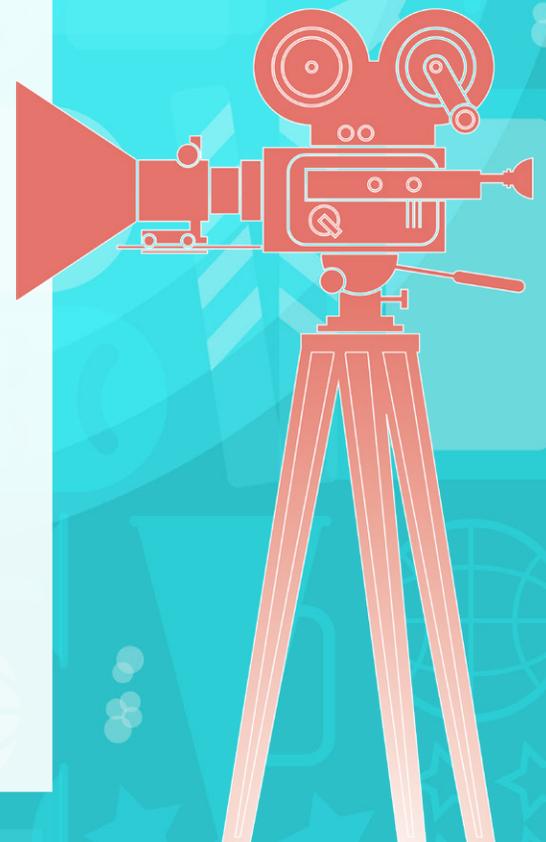
DAY 2

How do you know God loves you? God proved His love for us through His Son, Jesus. By sending Jesus to us, God was basically saying, "Look, I know you've messed up. I know your sin separates you from me. I love you too much for that. So I'm sending someone to take the punishment you deserve."

That's what Jesus did for us when He died on the cross. He loved you so much that He chose to take your place and pay the price for your sin so that you could be forgiven. Jesus' death on the cross proved God's love for you. In fact, He showed His love to us so that we could love others.

What do you know about Jesus? Have you ever heard this good news before? Did you know that He died for you so that you could be forgiven? Do you have questions about this? Find an adult you trust and read these verses together and talk about what they mean.

ASK God to help you understand His great love for you.





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DAY 3

Is it ever hard for you to love someone else? Maybe your little brother loves to get on your nerves. Or your substitute at school seems super mean. Or maybe there's a kid in your class who always makes the highest grade and seems to be the teacher's favorite.

Can you unscramble the answers below? Read 1 John 4:19 if you need some extra help!

What comes first?

1. DOG DEVOL SU

What comes second?

2. EW EVOL SREHTO

What do we love? Others! We don't love because the other person deserves it. We don't love only when we "feel" like it. We love because God loved us. Love comes from God. And His love is perfect. Whether you believe it or not, your little brother, the substitute, and the teacher's pet are all loved by God too. They matter to Him. We should love others because they matter to God.

LOOK for opportunities to love others because God loved you first.

READ 1 JOHN 4:16

DAY 4

What are some things you depend on? You depend on shoes to protect your _____. You depend on your life jacket to _____. You depend on your car to _____.

When it comes to being loved, there is someone you can always depend on. God loves you. He loves you when you obey Him and live in a way that makes Him happy. He loves you when you mess up and need to be forgiven. He loves you when you make wise choices and when you don't. He loves you when you choose trust and follow Him. He even loves you when you decide that your way is better. He loves you when you treat others the way you want to be treated and when you're selfish and don't think about how the other person feels.

You are loved. No matter what you do. No matter what you say. God loves you. You can depend on it. You matter to Him. And when you do mess up, He loves you enough to forgive you when you ask Him to. Loving others is easier when you realize that YOU are loved by a great big God.

KNOW that you can depend on God's love, always.

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