

Parent Connections

for families of young children

LOVE COMES FROM GOD

Bible Truth: God wants us to show His love. *Read Matthew 22:34-40.*

These four lessons will help children know people in the Bible showed God's love to others and understand that God wants them to show His love to others.

Verse-a-Month Club Bible Memory Verse: "Let us love one another, for love comes from God" (1 John 4:7).

Faith Word: Love—Love is caring very much for others. God *loves* everyone.

Dear Parent,

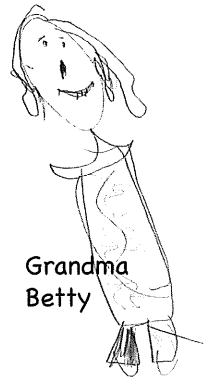
We are so glad to continue to join with you in nurturing your child spiritually, physically, emotionally, socially, and mentally. For many of you, as August comes to a close, you will be sending your child to school . . . some for the first time! And just as you hold the unique position in your child's life as spiritual mentor, this new teacher in your child's life will become an influence on your child's viewpoints. Your child will continue to look to you to understand what it means to love Jesus and love others, but now he or she will be taking that into the "real world." This can be a scary time for your child, be sure to pray with your child each day before and after school. Also stay involved! Talk with your child's teacher about what is happening in the classroom.

It is our goal to come alongside and give you spiritual parenting tools. In addition to this note, each week your child will bring home a paper called *Celebrate*. *Celebrate* has the week's Bible story, activities for you to do at home with your child, and a page of tips just for you.

As your child leaves the home and ventures out, be sure to pray for and with your child, assure your child of Jesus' love and your love, and remind your child to use words and actions to share Jesus' love with others.

Try This!

1. Purchase an inexpensive spiral notebook. Have your child draw a picture of someone he or she loves on each page. Print that person's name beneath the drawing. Each time you pray with your child, turn to a different page in the notebook and pray for the person pictured on that page.



Play Time

Go outside with sidewalk chalk and a spray bottle. First help your child draw a large chalk heart on the sidewalk. Then hop into the heart and say the Bible verse. Then hop out of the heart. Use the spray bottle to make the heart disappear. For each spray from the bottle, name someone your child knows and loves. Pray a simple prayer with your child, **God bless [Grandpa]. Keep him safe today. I love [Grandpa] and I know You do too. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Sing this song with your child. Then set a timer for one minute. In that minute, see how many people you and your child can name that you love. Pray a simple prayer for these people, Thank You, God, for Your Son Jesus. Thank You, God, for Your love. Thank You, God, that we can show Jesus' love to others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

I Love Jesus
(Tune: "Jesus Loves Me")
I love Jesus, does He know?
Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus likes to hear me say
That I love Him every day.

Yes, I love Jesus,
Yes, I love Jesus,
Yes, I love Jesus,
In prayer, I'll tell Him so.

I love others, this is true.
It's what Jesus says to do.
Jesus likes to hear me say
That I love them every day.

Yes, I love others,
Yes, I love others,
Yes, I love others,
Because He loves me so!