

Unit 10

God Loves Us

“God is love.”

1 John 4:8

When your family sits down to share God’s Word, use this devotion on its own or go to <https://davidccook.org/echoes/resources> to watch **God Loves Us** before doing the devotion together. This devotion can be used anytime during the month of June.

In the video, the boy was scared to go to swim class and jump into the pool. But he knew God loves him and God would keep him safe—even while jumping into that swimming pool!

- How do you know God loves you?

It is easy to doubt and be scared when we face uncertain times. Jacob had a strange dream about God (Genesis 28:10–22). Elijah needed someone to help him with his dinner (1 Kings 17:8–16). The Israelites were trapped in an impossible place between a sea and an army (Exodus 14:15–16, 21–22, 31). Then, God gave His commandments to Moses (Exodus 20:1–17). But in all those Bible stories, and today, God showed that He is love. He was there and working in all the certain and uncertain times.

- How did God show His love to Jacob? Elijah? the Israelites?
- Memorize 1 John 4:8. How can knowing that God loves you help you in scary times?
- As a family, create a poster to help you remember 1 John 4:8.

End with a short prayer: Dear God, thank You for loving us. Thank You for always being with us. In Jesus’ name, amen.



Unit 11

We Love God

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart.”

Matthew 22:37

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The video showed children in a Sunday school class making a craft. Later that week, a boy showed that he loved God by sharing that craft with a friend.

- How do you show God that you love Him?

The Bible shares different ways people showed God that they loved Him: people listened to God’s Word (Deuteronomy 5:1–3; 7:12–13; 10:12–14), they obeyed His commands (Genesis 6:14–22; 7:11–17, 24), they thanked God for keeping them safe (Genesis 8:13–22; 9:13–15), they gave to God (2 Chronicles 24:1–14), and they worked for God by helping each other (Nehemiah 2:4–6, 11–20; 4:6; 6:15). All those actions showed the people’s love for God because He loved them first.

- Memorize Matthew 22:37.
- Make an action word list of ways your family can show love to God throughout the week. (Examples: pray, share, obey)
- Take time each day to pray a prayer of thanks to God. Which actions on your list did you do today to show love to God?

End with a short prayer: Dear God, thank You for loving us. We are so happy that we can show our love back to You. In Jesus’ name, amen.



Unit 12

We Love Others

“Always strive to do what is good for each other.”

1 Thessalonians 5:15

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Snack time at the end of a practice is great! And it was even better when a girl showed God’s love to her friend by bringing a snack to share!

- Why did the girl bring an extra snack?

Sharing God’s love with our friends is a great way to show God’s love to others. Jesus’ stories taught people how to show God’s love by loving, forgiving, being kind, and helping others (Matthew 22:34–40; Matthew 18:21–35; Luke 10:25–37; Matthew 20:20–28). Because God loves us and we love God, we share His love when we show love to other people.

- How do you show God’s love to others?
- *Strive* can be a hard word. Replace *strive* with “work really hard,” as you say aloud 1 Thessalonians 5:15. How does that help you understand the verse?
- As a family, decide on one way to show love to others this week.

End with a short prayer: Dear God, thank You for loving us. Help us to show that love to others. In Jesus’ name, amen.