

Unit 10 God Loves Us

“The Father himself loves you.”

John 16:27

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. Use this devotion anytime during 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?

We can know and rely on God’s love for us! In our first story, Jesus taught that God cares for His people (Matthew 6:25-34; Luke 12:22-31). The next week, we saw Jesus teach people how to pray (Luke 11:1-10). In another lesson, we saw Jacob choosing to worship God at Bethel (Genesis 28:10-22). In the final lesson, God protected Noah from the flood (Genesis 6:15-22; 7:11-17, 24). In all those Bible stories, and today, God shows that He is love. He was there and working in all the certain and uncertain times.

- How did God show His love to Jacob? Noah? And how does God show His love to your family?
- Memorize John 16:27. How can knowing that God loves you help you in scary times?
- As a family, create a poster to help you remember John 16:27.

End with a short prayer: Dear God, thank You for loving us. We’re thankful that we can know You and trust You. 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 loves 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: Noah and his family thanked God (Genesis 8:13-22; 9:13-15), Josiah read God’s Word to the people (2 Kings 22:1-11; 23:1-3), Jonah finally obeyed God (Jonah 1; 2:1, 10; 3), Solomon made a good choice asking God for wisdom (1 Kings 3:1-15), and David trusted God (Psalm 23). The actions of these people showed their 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

“Let us love one another, for love comes from God.”

1 John 4:7

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 **We Love Others** before doing the devotion together. This devotion can be used anytime during the month of August.

Snack time at the end of a team 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 taught about showing love by forgiving and loving others with our actions (Mark 12:28-34; Matthew 18:21-35). The early church shared with those who were in need (Romans 15:26-27; 1 Corinthians 16:1-3; 2 Corinthians 8:1-4, 7). The Apostle Paul told Lydia and her group about Jesus (Acts 16:10-15). 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?
- Memorize 1 John 4:7. Pretend you have two pieces of cake. One is bigger than the other. Which piece will you offer to share with a friend? How would offering the bigger piece show that you love your friend?
- 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.