

God's Exceptional Love

For Grades 7-9

Goals

1. Teach children that love is an attribute of God.
 2. Show how God demonstrated His love to humanity through Jesus.
 3. Help children understand the extent and depth of God's love.
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Welcome Time

- Greet each child warmly and by name.
 - Provide name tags or stickers for personalization.
 - Icebreaker: Ask children to share one way they've shown love to someone recently.
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Worship/Prayer Time: [Click Here](#)

- Sing songs about God's love, such as:
 - "Jesus Loves Me"
 - "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"
 - Pray, thanking God for His love and asking for open hearts to learn more about Him.
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Lesson

Opening Activities

1. **Love Relay**
 - Divide the class into teams. Each team writes down examples of God's love they've experienced.
 - The first team to list five examples wins a small prize.
 2. **Heart Match Game**
 - Prepare paper hearts, each with half a phrase (e.g., "God loves us" / "so much"). Children find their matching partner and share one way they've experienced love.
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Memory Verse

John 3:16: “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

Bible Story

Scripture Reading: Romans 5:6-8

- Read the verses aloud and explain the sacrificial nature of God’s love.
- Use visuals, such as pictures or videos, to depict key events like Jesus’ crucifixion.

Discussion Questions

1. Why does God love the world?
2. What does God’s love mean to you?
3. How have you experienced God’s love?
4. Do we deserve God’s love? Why or why not?
5. What is one word you can use to describe God’s love?

Love Application

1. How to do you model Love at Home or among your friends

Conclusion

God’s love is unending and unconditional, remaining constant from creation to now. It is a love that surpasses understanding, rooted in forgiveness, mercy, and grace. Let us respond to His love by turning away from sin and living in gratitude for His immeasurable gift.

Gospel Points

1. **God’s Love Is Unconditional:** We don’t earn it; He gives it freely.
 2. **God’s Love Is Sacrificial:** He gave His only Son to save us.
 3. **God’s Love Is Personal:** He loves each of us individually.
 4. **God’s Love Is Eternal:** Nothing can separate us from His love.
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Activities

1. Visual Aids:

- Show a short video or slideshow illustrating Jesus' sacrifice and examples of God's love.
- Use posters with key verses or themes about God's love.

2. Craft:

○ Heart of Love Mobile:

- Provide cardstock hearts, string, and markers.
- Have children write "God's Love Is..." on one heart and complete the sentence on others (e.g., "Unconditional," "Sacrificial").
- Assemble the hearts into a mobile to take home.

3. Kindness Collage:

- Bring magazines, scissors, glue, and poster board.
 - Children cut out pictures that represent love and kindness, then create a collage.
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Closing Prayer: [Click here](#)

- Thank God for His exceptional love and ask Him to help the children reflect that love to others.
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Snack Time

- Provide simple snacks like cookies or fruit.
 - Discuss ways to show love during mealtime, such as sharing and gratitude.
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Take-Home Activities: [Click Here](#)