

Love - choosing to treat others the way Jesus treats us.

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DAY 1

Read Galatians 5:22 NIrV

“But the fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy and peace. It is being patient, kind and good. It is being faithful.”

Have you ever picked a strawberry that wasn't quite ripe yet? Ever pop a sour grape into your mouth at lunch? Not so fun, right?

When you allow God to work in your heart, when you read His word and talk to Him and live out what it says, the Holy Spirit produces GOOD fruit in you. We're not talking about apples and bananas here either. It starts with following God. He is the only one who can really help you be kind to someone who isn't kind to you. He's the only one who can help you be patient and loving in a situation where all you really want to do is blow up in anger. You can respond with the love of Jesus and change things for the better.

Use a plastic knife to carve the words "LOVE OTHERS" into the side of a banana and pack it in your lunchbox. Your secret message will appear when you open your lunch to eat it at school!



DAY 2

Read 1 John 4:7-8 NIrV

“Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God. Everyone who loves has become a child of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.”



Unscramble the words to complete the sentences below.

Leaves come from _____.
S T E E R

Warmth comes from the _____.
N S U

Rain comes down from the _____.
K S Y

Love comes from _____.
G O D

Where does love come from? God! As the Creator of everything, love was God's idea. That's good news for us. Because 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 does best.

MEMORY VERSE: "I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I have loved you." John 13:34 NIrV





DAY 3

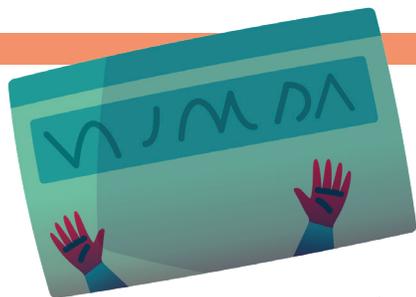
Read 1 John 3:18 NIV

“Dear children, don’t just talk about love. Put your love into action. Then it will truly be love.”

The Bible tells us how God wants us to live. But guess what? Reading your Bible and talking to God isn’t enough. God wants you to “put your love in action.”

God wants you to show love by treating others the way you would want to be treated. That means speaking kind words. That means show others the love of Jesus. It’s about more than reading words in the Bible; it’s about getting busy **LOVING** the people around you.

Grab a piece of paper. Place your non-writing hand on the page and trace around it with a pencil. Write the words of today’s verse around the outline of your hand. Tape your handprint to the mirror as a reminder to use your hands to help you show love to those in need.



DAY 4

Read Luke 19:8 NIV

“Zacchaeus stood up. He said, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of what I own to those who are poor. And if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay it back. I will pay back four times the amount I took.”

Jesus showed love to Zacchaeus, and that love caused him to turn his whole life around. He became a giver instead of a taker. He made a promise to give back more than what he’d taken. When Zacchaeus met Jesus, he did a complete 180 and started living the opposite of how he had lived before!

When you put your trust in Jesus, you repent or ask forgiveness for all the wrong things you’ve done. To repent literally means to turn around and go in the other direction. Jesus’ love can change things for the better.

What areas of your life need to be turned around? Is there someone you’ve hurt? Have you said unkind words you didn’t mean? Is there a situation you could make right by admitting you were wrong? It’s time to do the Hokey Pokey, repent, and turn yourself around so you can love like Jesus.

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