



Lesson 2

God Is Loving

God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM."

Exodus 3:14a

We believe that you are your child's first and most important spiritual leader. To support you in that mission, we have created this tool to go along with each lesson your grade school age children are learning at Quest on Sundays.

BIBLE ACCOUNT:

David the shepherd
& God the good Shepherd
1 Samuel 17:34-35
Psalm 23

LESSON VERSE:

1 JOHN 4:7

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God."



God loves you!

PRAYER

Dear Lord, Help me to always know and feel and see how much you love me. Help me to receive your love and to give love to others in the same way. Amen.

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What is one thing you learned in Quest today?
- How does God show His love for us?
- ★ How do you feel loved by God?
- ❖ Can you do anything to lose God's love?

LIVE IT OUT!

- Make a list together of the ways God has shown His love for your family and post it somewhere.
- Try memorizing 1 John 4:7 together.



TRAIL GUIDE DEVOTIONAL

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LESSON 2: True Love is Divine

You may remember from our series on sanctification, "Extreme Makeover", that God's brand of love can be defined as follows: "Divine love is eternal and totally independent of the object of its favor. Divine love is an affection which stands in spite of any element of attractiveness, desirability, or even value. It also can be hated by the object of its affection, without damaging its intensity or character." More over, it is characterized by long-suffering and sacrifice. Divine love is perfect and complete. It is perfectly demonstrated in the cross.

As we help the kids to understand the nature of God's love for them, it is important to guide them into a mature view of the reasons for God's love. *"It is one of the most amazing facts in all scripture that just as God's love involves his giving of himself to make us happy, so we can in return give of ourselves and actually bring joy to God's heart"* (Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*). By reflecting God's love, we identify ourselves as disciples of Christ and bring God glory (John 13:35, Matthew 5:43-48, 1 Peter 2:12). — Mike

"Love is simply the giving by God of Himself to His creatures. It is the benevolent disposition or inclination in God that stirs him to bestow benefits both physical and spiritual upon those created in His image" - Dr. Sam Storms



MEDITATING ON THE WORD

1 John 4:8 John 3:35
John 17:24 Romans 5:8
1 John 5:3 John 3:16
Galatians 2:20