



Section 1

Lesson 1:

Start with Your Heart

Unit 1 | Love God | Grades: 1-5

FIELD MANUAL FOR QUEST
PARENTS

UNIT VERSE: MARK 12:30

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.”

SECTION VERSE: Proverbs 4:23

“Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.”



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PRAYER

Think about what's in your heart. Pray that the Lord will give your heart a makeover and it more like His.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What is love?
- What does it mean to love God with all your heart?
- Why is important to know what is in your heart?
- Where do our desires come from?
- Sit together as a family and talk about how you can love God individually and as a family.



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For an Extreme Makeover: Start with a Heart Check

When Jesus gave the greatest commandment, He was responding to a scribe who was asking the most important question for someone who believes in the all-powerful God of the Bible. What does God want from me? Jesus was glad to answer. He quoted from Deuteronomy 6:5. The answer was simple but profound...if you want to know what God really wants from you, the answer is love - practical, everything I have and am, love - and it starts with your heart.

God has created each of our hearts differently, with different passions, different likes and dislikes. He intended each of these to be used in love for serving Him and others. But our hearts are not a closed loop system. Things come in and out of our heart. Jesus teaches us in Luke 6:45 that, "For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks." The abundance of the heart includes both the good things that God has placed there as well as the things, either good or evil, that we have "stored up" there. This is why it is so important to both know what is in our hearts already (Psalm 139:23), so we can ask God to remove anything that doesn't glorify Him and store up good things there instead, but also to guard our hearts (Proverbs 4:23) from letting in those things we don't want to store up.

In order to keep our hearts in tune for loving God, we should do this check-up regularly in prayer and in the Word. How is your heart this week? Let's do a self-check first and then we can help the children to do the same. David was man after God's own heart. This doesn't mean he was sinless, but that he had a heart fully devoted to God. Let's ask with him this week, "Create in me a clean heart, O God." (Psalm 51:10)

MEDITATING ON THE WORD

1 Kings 8:61 | Joshua 22:5
Psalm 37:4 | Psalm 57:7
Luke 6:45 | Psalm 51:10