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## week 2: LOVE

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Explore the Bible: Kids

God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. —John 3:16

### MORE THAN A WORD

Love is a frequently used word. Kids and adults alike use it to describe how much they enjoy or prefer something: I love baseball. I love ice cream. I love being with my friends. But love is more than just liking something.

First Corinthians 13 describes love as selfless and never-ending. John 3:16 tells us that God loved us SO MUCH that He sent Baby Jesus to be born in a manger, knowing that one day He would die for each one of us. This kind of love is more powerful than liking a sport or a food: you may like those things today and change your mind in a few years. God loves us every day, now and forever.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS OF LOVE

Just as God loves us, we should love others. Christmas is a great time to show God's love to others in your community. Help your child think of three to five people that you could deliver cards to this Christmas season.

On the front of each card help your child write out John 3:16. On the inside encourage your child to draw a picture and to write a note such as "God loves you and I do too. Merry Christmas!" (If your child is a pre-reader, have him trace letters using colorful crayons.) Deliver the cards as a family.

### CONNECTION QUESTIONS:

1. How did God show His love for us?

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2. How can you show love for others?

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### DAILY READINGS FOR THE FAMILY

December 11—Luke 1:28  
December 12—Luke 1:30

December 13—Luke 1:31  
December 14—Luke 1:32

December 15—John 1:14  
December 16—Matthew 1:22-23