

# Reflect God's Love





## Year 1—Quarter 1 “God the Father”

*Quarter Aim: God is not distant or unapproachable; rather, He is a caring Father who loves us deeply and wants the best for our lives.*

### Lesson 13: Reflect God’s Love

#### Show Love to Others

**God loves His people.** He loved them so much that he sent His only Son to die on the cross to save His people from their sins. He didn’t just say that he loved Christians, He showed His love for believers. “God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)

God shows us love, but **He also tells us to show love to others.**

“Love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.” (John 13:34) and “Love your enemies.” (Matthew 5:44) When we show love to others, we are mirroring Christ.

**Objects needed:** Strong flashlight and mirror.

Use the mirror to reflect the light onto the children (not their eyes). Talk about how we are to reflect God’s love to others.

**Ask:** Can you think of ways you can show love:

1. To God?
2. To family and friends?
3. To those who treat us badly?

#### Dig Deeper: Faith in Action

**Our feet—firmly planted in two kingdoms.** We live here on Earth, like in a big neighborhood. But guess what? We’re also special messengers of the Heavenly Kingdom. We have a God-given job to do!

**Our eyes—That see the good in other people.** Sometimes people act in ways that seem unkind. But guess what? They’re not really bad. They’re just a bit lost, like taking a wrong turn on a treasure hunt. We can be kind to them and show them the right path.

**Our hearts—Guided by the Lord to care about everyone.** The Lord is our wise guide. He helps us find the right path. We’re like explorers, looking for the Savior of the world. When we live in a way that shows God’s love and truth, it’s like shining a bright light for everyone to see.

Some people may not agree with us. They might say “no” to God, but we can still love them. Our hearts can be like shining a bright light, showing kindness and understanding for everyone to see.

#### Power Point

God tells us to show love to others.

#### Lie:

I can’t love others as Jesus loves them.

#### Truth:

**Romans 5:5**, “And hope will never bring us shame. That’s because God’s love has been poured into our hearts. This happened through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.” (NIRV)





## Group Game

### Love Charades:

**TOPICS:** Humility, Love, Service

**MATERIALS:** Index cards (10) with prompts, Timer, Whiteboard

### PREPARATION:

Write prompts on each index card (each prompt should be an example of how the children can show God's love to others). If desired, you may use some or all of the following prompts:

1. Pray for a friend.
2. Sweep the floor.
3. Feed the hungry.
4. Give money to the poor.
5. Write thank-you letters.
6. Hug someone.
7. Read the Bible to someone.
8. Hold the door open.
9. Set the table for dinner.
10. Rake your neighbor's leaves.



### WHAT YOU WILL SAY:

Split the children into **two groups**. Explain to the class that this game involves acting out the clues on the cards to their teams (one at a time) without making any sounds. Tell the children that each clue is an example of a loving action. Each person will have one minute to act out his or her chosen card. However, the other team will receive a chance to guess the clue if the actor's team is unsuccessful. Each correctly guessed clue receives fifty points. Allow each child to have at least one turn acting out a clue.

Conclude by emphasizing that showing God's love to others is extremely important if we want them to have a relationship with Jesus Christ. Serving others in love isn't necessarily difficult, but we must ask God to help us become more humble, kind-hearted, and sacrificial so others will be drawn to Him through our actions.

### Craft Idea

#### Friendship Bouquet:

A "friendship bouquet" uses paper elements to craft flowers to give as a caring display.

**You will need:** Scissors, Glue or tape, Paper or cardstock, Markers or crayons, Verse caption or extra decoration (optional), Cupcake liners, Popsicle sticks and/or pipe cleaners, Stickers, glitter, or other extra decorations.

#### Procedure:

1. Choose what materials to use for your flowers (or select a variety). Cut shapes out of paper and liners accordingly.
2. Decorate your paper flowers with colors, words, and decorations.
3. Attach flowers to popsicle sticks or pipe cleaners for "stems."
4. Decorate a large piece of paper as a holder or "vase" for the bouquet. Use stickers, verses, and other decorations. Alternately, use a toilet paper tube, can, jar or bottle for the vase.
5. Fold and tape your flower holder. Place "flowers" inside and give to a friend or family member as a gift!

**Caption Ideas:** "What Does Love Look Like?" or "Here's How I Show Love...A Bouquet for You!" or Bible verse.





**Bible Discussion**

**Read: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7)**

We know we know ways to love others. Like being kind to them, or forgiving them. But that doesn't tell us everything about love.

Who are supposed to love? And how much? I think we need to look again. {read John 15:12}

Wow, so we learned two things there. Can anyone tell me what they were?

1. God commands us to love each other. And by each other, He means *everyone*.
2. God commands us to love *exactly* like He loves.

That's pretty big, don't you think? I mean, is that even possible?!?

Truthfully the answer is no. We all mess up, but God is pure and never makes any mistakes. But, that doesn't mean we shouldn't be trying. This is what God asks us to do.

So let's try this out. I am going to need a bunch of volunteers today, so I hope you are ready

**Volunteer #1:** You are getting ready to go to a birthday party but your parents forgot and now you are going to be really late. What would you do or say?

**Volunteer #2:** You see a new kid at school that no one will talk to or play with.  
What would you say or do?

**Volunteer #3:** You have awards at school and your best friend wins tons of awards, while you get none. What would you do?

**Volunteer #4:** What if YOU were the one getting all of those awards while your best friend got none?

**Volunteer #5:** What would you do if you found out that someone in school had an embarrassing secret?

**Volunteer #6:** What would you do if you got a HUGE candy bar and your brother/sister asked if you would share?

**Volunteer #7:** What would you do if someone pushed you?

**Volunteer #8:** If someone stole your bike and then broke it, would you forgive them?



