

DAILY READING: LOVE

Love is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. This means when I choose to live in obedience to God, as a follower of Jesus, the Holy Spirit produces love in me.

I was created because of God's great love for me. Jesus showed His love for me by dying on the Cross for my sins. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God's love is poured out on me every minute of every day. God's love is a gift. I cannot do anything to receive more of His love. His love for me is greater than I can imagine and He loves me with all of His heart. I am secure in His love and can love others better when I see myself as God sees me – His masterpiece (*His best and most wonderful creation*). Love is not a feeling but a choice. Love is doing what is best for others no matter how others treat me. The Holy Spirit gives me the power to love God with all my heart, soul and mind, and to love others as I love myself. I am more like Jesus when I love as He loves. Today I choose to love God and others.

DAILY STUDY: LOVE

DAY 1: Loving My Neighbor – Matthew 22:37-39 (page 966);
Leviticus 19:9-18 (page 121)

DAY 2: God's Love – Ephesians 3:17-19 (page 1164);
1 John 4:19 (page 1243); Psalm 136 (page 607)

DAY 3: The Greatest Is Love –
1 Corinthians 13 (page 1137);
Proverbs 10:12 (page 624)

DAY 4: Christ's Love Compels
(to cause to do) Me –
John 21:15-17 (page 1067);
2 Corinthians 5:14-15 (page 1147)

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Agape Love. That is the kind of love Jesus has for us. The meaning of Agape Love is: Unconditional Love. Jesus loves us no matter what we do or say. His love has no conditions.

DAY 5: God Is Love – 1 John 2:9-11 (page 1240); 1 John 4:8
(page 1243)

DAY 6: Love Overflows – 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13 (page 1183);
Philippians 1:9-11 (page 1170)

DAY 7: I Am God's Masterpiece, Prized Child –
Ephesians 2:10 (page 1162); Deuteronomy 26:18 (page 201);
Ephesians 5:1-2 (page 1165)

**Take time to learn the memory verse
and have fun doing the activity.**

ACTIVITY: Celebrate His Love

We are dependent on God's love. Because of His great love we were created, cherished, redeemed and cared for. Song of Songs 2:4 says, "...it's obvious how much He loves me." Make a banner to celebrate His love for you.

YOU WILL NEED:

- Card stock paper
- Scissors
- Ribbon or yarn
- Pencil
- Markers
- Alphabet stencil (optional)
- Hole punch

STEPS:

1. Draw and cut out 4 large triangles.
2. Write or stencil the letters L, O, V and E on the triangles, one letter per triangle, wide triangle side on the top.
3. Hole punch the two corners on the wide end of each triangle.
4. Weave ribbon or yarn in and out of the holes leaving a tail on the two ends. The ends are for knotting and hanging the banner.
5. Hang it in a place you'll see it every day to remind you of God's love for you.

MEMORY VERSE:

1 John 3:16 "We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us."
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