

February

Love

Week 1

What love means and Different kinds of love

Bible verse: 1 Corinthians 13: 1-8

Activity: Children will make a craft during Children's Bible hour on Feb. 4. Take home and discuss each heart inside the craft.

Week 2

Jesus Loves us, and that helps us love others

Bible verse: The Vine and the Branches John 15: 9-15

Activity: Read the story and can do the WS.

Summary:

The Vine and the Branches ([John 15:9-15](#))

Through Jesus' illustration of the grapevine, we see our relationship with him as life-giving, nourishing and as imperative as the connection between the vine and branch. This simple, yet powerful picture is one your children can understand. Verse 9 encourages us to remain in his love. Love comes from a heart that is connected to Jesus. When we truly know him and understand his heart for us and for others, we will love well.

Week 3

Love the unlovable

Bible verse: *Zacchaeus Luke 19: 1-10*

Activity: *Read the story and can do the WS.*

Summary:

Zacchaeus ([Luke 19:1-10](#))

Even though he was known as a sinful, tax collector, Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus the day he came to town. Use this story to help your child understand that unkind, unpleasant, unlovable people still want to be known and loved even though they don't act like it. Jesus gives a wonderful example in this story of reaching out to someone who is unloved by many. He goes out of his way to reach out and Zacchaeus' heart is changed by his love.

Week 4

Love those in need

Bible verse: *The good Samaritan Luke 10: 26-37 and/or The lost sheep Luke 15: 3-7*

Activity: *Read the story and can do the WS.*

Summary:

The Good Samaritan ([Luke 10:26-37](#))

Jesus instructs us to "love our neighbor as ourselves." When asked "Who is our neighbor?" he responds with this story we've all heard a thousand times in so many ways. The Good Samaritan is a foundational example of what it means to be a Christian. Our children need to be encouraged to notice those in need around them. Through this teaching, we can help foster a heart of compassion in our kids. We can teach them to see and then act when others are in need. In doing so, we are encouraging a love that puts others first.