

Welcome to another week of studying the Bible! I hope you have been enjoying the studies and learning lots about God from His Word. This week we are thinking about God's love and how God tells us we are to love others! Think about ways you can put into practise what you are learning this week, how could you show love to others? Don't forget to pray first!



First of all, **PRAY** and ask God to *help* you understand as you study the Bible. Ask God to *speak* to you and *help* you know how He wants you to **apply** His Word to your life. Remember: *That is our goal!*

Dear God.

Praise God that He is _____

Praise God for _____

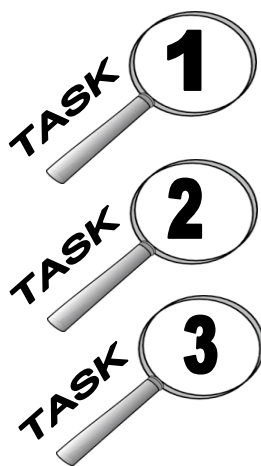
Thank God for _____

Ask God for _____

Amen.

3 Important Tasks: It is good to keep reminding ourselves each week!

(Draw a line from the task number to the picture to show which order you do them in and then write the 3 tasks in order on the line)



Let's Learn a Bible Verse Together This Week! Can you fill in the missing letters which are all vowels (a, e, i, o, u). Read it 3 times over!

D _ _ r fr _ _ nds, I _ t _ s I _ v _ _ n _
_ n _ th _ r, f _ r I _ v _ c _ m _ s fr _ m G _ d.
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G _ d _ nd kn _ ws G _ d. 1 J _ hn 4:7



Read 1 John 4 v 7 - 12

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

We need to think about what the Bible is saying to us and so we use our 3 important tasks to help us. Are you ready? Let's go...



1 ASK questions:

Re-Read the passage - WHO is the main person in the passage?



2 MARK the passage:

Read verses 7-12 and put a triangle every time **GOD** is mentioned. Don't forget the words 'he' 'I' 'his'.



3 LIST what you have learnt about God?

V7: _____ comes from _____

V7: Everyone who loves has been _____

V8: Everyone who does not love _____

V8: God is _____

V9: God showed His love by _____

V10: God sent His son to be the _____
for our sins

V11: God loved the world so we ought to _____

V12: If we love, God _____ in us and His love is made
_____ in us

It is quite a hard passage to get our heads around, so let's look at our list on God and think about what it means.

Where does love come from? _____


Do we have to do anything to earn God's love? _____

What did God do to show YOU he loves you? _____

Why did Jesus have to go to the cross? _____



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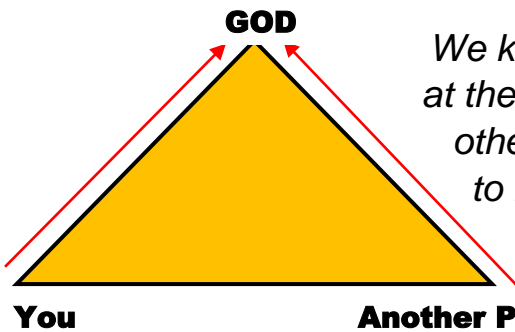
Read verses 7-12 and put a circle every time **FRIENDS**  is mentioned.

Who does it mean when it says friends? _____

We see this word in v7 and v 11 – What is it telling or commanding us to do?

God freely loves us, and so we are told to love others, because God loves us!

THINK OF IT LIKE THIS - A TRIANGLE...



We know that a triangle looks like, a point at the top and 2 corners at the bottom. **You** are at one corner and **another person** is at the other corner. **God** is at the top. As you love God and grow closer to him you also become closer to the other person as they grow closer to God. Loving them more because God loves you.

Christians are all part of God's special family!



Read Matthew 22:37-39

Let's look at another part of the Bible to help us understand this passage more. This is called a **CROSS-REFERENCE**.

³⁶ "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

³⁷ Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.

³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'



MARK the passage:

Read Matthew 22:37-40 and draw a  around the word love.

An expert in the law asked Jesus a question. What was it?

What did Jesus say was the greatest commandment?

What is the second greatest commandment?



16 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

17 This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.

18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. 19 We love because he first loved us.

2 MARK the passage:

Read verses 16-19 and put a HEART every time  is mentioned.

v16: WHO is love? _____

v16 says, "Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them." What do you think this means? _____

The word LIVES in another way of saying ABIDES – this means "To remain and not to depart or leave". So if you are a Christian, you can completely rest in God's love

v17: HOW should a Christian feel about the day when Jesus comes back and WHY? _____

v18: What does perfect love do? _____

We are not to be worried or afraid!

v19: WHY do we love? _____

Aren't we learning some amazing things about God's LOVE - NOTHING CAN SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD and GOD LOVED YOU EVEN BEFORE YOU WERE BORN!



So, What about YOU?

How does the Bible APPLY to me?

What have you learnt about God? _____

Who could you show love to? _____

What could you do to show love to them? _____

Pray and say THANK YOU to God for His love for YOU!

Can you answer the following questions and then fill out the crossword!

ACROSS

God sent His son into the
(1) _____

If we love one another, God's love is
made (2) _____ in us

Another word for saying lives is
(3) _____

The Father sent the Son to be the
(4) _____ of the world

Christians can have
(5) _____ on the day of
judgement

In this world, we are like
(6) _____

Jesus said the greatest commandment
was to love the Lord with all your
(7) _____, soul and mind

DOWN

God is (1) _____

We are to love one (2) _____

God sent His (3) _____ into the world

God sent His Son as an atoning
(4) _____ for (5) _____

God has given us His (6) _____

There is no (7) _____ in love

(8) _____ love drives out fear

We love because He (9) _____ loved
us

Jesus said the greatest commandment was to
love the Lord with all your heart,
(10) _____ and (11) _____

The second is to love your
(12) _____ as yourself

