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Hi, Juniors,

This quarter we will be talking about the love of God. The Bible tells us about the great love God has for all His people.

God's love is powerful. God protects the people who come to Him and obey His commands. The Bible says nothing can ever take believers away from God's love.

Our lessons this quarter will show us that God always provides for His people, that Jesus was raised from the dead to defeat the power of sin, and that nothing can separate believers from the God who loves them. We will learn that when we love God, we will always be protected by His love.

God's love is patient. God is kind and merciful, and He forgives people who repent of their sin. The Bible tells us that God is waiting for the people He loves to repent and turn to Him.

Our lessons this quarter will tell us how God shows grace and mercy to people who come to Him. We will learn about the Prophet Jonah and how God forgave the people of Nineveh when they repented of their sins. We will see that when we repent of our sins, God is faithful to forgive our faults.

God's love is perfect. God loves all people because He created them in His image. The Bible teaches us that God loved all people so much that He sent His Son to die for us.

Our lessons will teach us how God wants us to share His love with others. We will learn how our Good Shepherd, Jesus, cares for His flock, and we will understand why God commands His people to love Him and to love their neighbors.

The Apostle John wrote, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). John's words remind us that God loves people so much that He sacrificed His only Son so that we can be forgiven of sin and have life forever with Him. When we know Jesus died for us, we will want to love the Father, who first loved us.

God loves you. My friends, always remember that your Father in heaven is taking care of you. He loves you so much He sent His Son to die so you can have life forever with Him. Think about the ways you can show others the love of God. Know that you can never be taken away from God's love.

Your friend in Christ,

Elizabeth Shultz

God's Great Love

Use Secret Code #2 on page 4 to complete each sentence.

1. John wrote, "25-22-15-12-5-22-23 _____, if God so loved us, we ought also to love 12-13-22 _____ 26-13-12-7-19-22-9 _____" (1 John 4:11).
2. Even though we were 23-22-26-23 _____ in sin, God's love gives us 15-18-21-22 _____ with Christ.
3. God 24-12-14-14-26-13-23-8 _____ us to love one another as He loves us.
4. God is 20-9-26-24-18-12-6-8 _____, 14-22-9-24-18-21-6-15 _____, slow to 26-13-20-22-9 _____, and has great 16-18-13-23-13-22-8-8 _____.
5. The Lord is our 8-19-22-11-19-22-9-23 _____. We will not 15-26-24-16 _____ what we need.
6. God gave His only 25-22-20-12-7-7-22-13 _____ 8-12-13 _____. Whoever believes in Him will not 11-22-9-18-8-19 _____.
7. The 23-18-8-24-18-11-15-22-8 _____ looked into Jesus' tomb. They saw that He was not there and 25-22-15-18-22-5-22-23 _____.
8. 23-22-26-7-19 _____, 15-18-21-22 _____, 19-22-18-20-19-7 _____, and 23-22-11-7-19 _____ cannot separate us from the love of God.
9. The Good 8-19-22-11-19-22-9-23 _____ knows His 8-19-22-22-11 _____.
10. Jonah spent 7-19-9-22-22 _____ days and nights in the 25-22-15-15-2 _____ of the fish.

Answers:

1. Beloved, one, another; 2. dead, life; 3. commands; 4. gracious, merciful, anger, kindness; 5. Shepherd, lack; 6. begotten, Son, perish; 7. disciples, believed; 8. Death, life, height, depth; 9. Shepherd, sheep; 10. three, belly.

“I Won’t Say I Love Her”

Mrs. Hudson says I should love everyone because God loves me, but I just know I can’t love that new baby! Jack thought as his family drove home from church on Sunday. Jack glared at his new baby sister beside him in her car seat.

I won’t love that new baby! She is nothing but trouble, Jack thought while Dad pulled the car into the garage. He scowled while Mom carried the baby into the house.

I can’t love anything that cries all the time and makes a mess, Jack told himself. He stood in the bedroom doorway and watched Mom lay the baby gently in her crib. Jack heard Mom go to the kitchen to cook dinner. He heard Dad turn on the TV news.

It’s not fair that the baby gets all the attention around here, Jack thought as he crept closer to the baby in her crib. He saw her pink pajamas rise and fall with her breathing. He saw her tiny pink hands and her fingers open and close.

“Hey, little girl, what are you doing here anyway?” Jack whispered. The baby woke up and opened her eyes. She saw Jack standing beside the crib, and she smiled.

Jack reached into the crib and carefully picked up his baby sister. Her little body felt warm and soft in his arms. Jack looked closely at his sister’s smiling face.

Jack felt himself smile when he looked at the baby in his arms. He felt like he wanted to hold the baby forever. *I wonder if this is what love feels like. I wonder if this is how God feels when He looks at us,* Jack thought.

“I guess if Jesus loves me, then I can try to love you too,” Jack told his little sister. Then he carefully carried the baby girl to join the rest of his family.

SECRET CODES FOR JUNIORS

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Jesus showed how much God loves us.

God Is Love

LESSON: I John 4:7-19

GOLDEN TEXT—"Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another" (I John 4:11).

Scripture Lesson Text

I JOHN 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spir'it.

14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

15 Whosoever shall confess that Je'sus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

19 We love him, because he first loved us.

Our Lesson Tells Us

Grace wanted a special gift for her best friend, Olivia. Grace saved her allowance and went to the store. She carefully picked out a shiny gold heart that was divided down the middle. The gold heart had the words "Best Friends" printed on the front.

The next morning, Grace gave Olivia half of the gold heart. She kept the other half of the heart and put it in her pocket.

"Our hearts will remind us that we are best friends," Grace told Olivia. Then she gave her friend a warm hug.

At lunchtime that day, Grace watched Sierra, the new girl, walk into the cafeteria. She watched Sierra wander between the tables, looking lost and scared. Grace thought about inviting Sierra to sit at her table. *But Olivia is my best friend, and I can have only one best friend,* Grace thought.

Grace ate her lunch. She watched Sierra sit down at a table alone. Grace started to feel bad that she had not invited Sierra to eat lunch with her.

I think I can have many best friends. I can love everyone because God loves everyone too, Grace decided. She walked to where Sierra was sitting and invited Sierra to eat lunch at her table.

After lunch, Grace took her half of the gold heart and slipped it into Sierra's hand. "I want you to be my friend too. I have many friends in Christ because I know God loves me," Grace told her new friend.

The Apostle John's Gospel is about Christ's message. John also wrote a letter to his friends who believed the gospel of Jesus.

John called his friends "beloved"

because he wanted them to remember that God always loved them. John wrote many powerful words about the special love God has for all His people.

John said, "Beloved, we will love one another because love comes from God. Everyone who knows and loves God also loves His people."

Love comes from God because God is love. People are able to love because God created them to love. God wants the people He created to love Him and love others.

John explained that any person who does not love does not know God. John wrote that God is love. He said God created all love and is the source of all love.

John said God showed His love for people by sending His Son, Jesus, to the world. Jesus came to die for all sin so that people who trust in Him will be forgiven and have life forever with God. Because God loves all people, believers can live forever through faith in Jesus.

John said that God loves people so much that He sent Jesus to be the payment for their sins. Because Jesus died on the cross, believers can live forever in God's love.

John wrote, "Beloved, because God loved us so much, we should love one another." Because believers know God loves them, they can choose to love the people they know.

God commands believers to share His love with others. People who love God want to obey Him. Those who love God will want to share His love.

We as believers show love to others by the way we act toward them. We show love when we treat others