



# "Me Too"

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#### Dear Boys and Girls,

Do you love spring? I do! Birds and flowers remind us of God's great power and love.

Say to yourself five times, "God loves me!" I hope you remember that always, even if you live to be 105!

This quarter you will study God's love in Sunday school. You will learn what God's love is like in the first four lessons. In lessons 5 through 9, you will see what God's love does. In the last four lessons, you will discover how great God's love is for us. Never think that no one loves you. God loves you, and He always will.

Your friend, Donna Poole

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# **God Loves the Children**





## Look! Listen!

Look around. What do you see? Flowers, clouds, leaves on trees. Listen now! What do you hear? Birds are singing. God is near.

### The Love Game

"Nobody loves me," Lacey said for the third time one afternoon.

"Lacey, that is not true," her mother said. "Your family loves you. Most of all, God loves you."

"If God loves me, why don't I have a dad?"

"Many children do not have a dad who lives with them," Mom said. "Your dad is in heaven."

"If Dad were here, then I would know that God loved me." Lacey started to cry.

"We are going to play a new game," Mom said. "We are going to play the love game."

Mom took Lacey outside into the warm spring sunshine. "God made all this because He loves us," Mom said. "I want you to see how many things you can find that God made."

At first Lacey did not want to play the love game, but as Mom named things she saw, Lacey joined in.

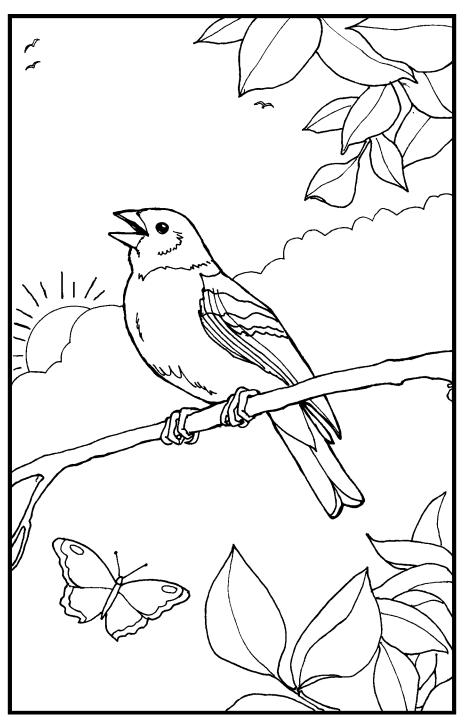
"Look!" Lacey said. "God made that robin, that yellow crocus, that fluffy cloud, and that funny toad!" Lacey named many more things.

"Did God really make all this because He loves us?" she asked Mom.

Mom nodded. "Creation shows us that God loves us, but God did something even greater to show His love. If you can think of it, you win the love game."

Lacey tipped her head back and felt the warm sun on her face. She thought and thought. "I know!" Lacey said. "God sent His Son, Jesus, to die for us."

Mom smiled. "You win the love game today," she said. "I want you to play it every day until you remember that God always loves you."



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## God Is Love

Lesson: I John 4:7-19

Can you use your fingers to name ten people you love? Do you have pets that you love?

John, one of Jesus' close friends, wrote about love in the Bible. John said all real love comes from God.

God is love. His children are like Him. Boys and girls who have asked Jesus to save them from their sins are God's children. They love Him and others. People with no love for others are not God's children. People who do not love others are selfish.

God is love. How did God show love? God gave His only Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins. Jesus' death was painful. He died to take our punishment for sin so that we could go to heaven. He loves us!

Because God loves us, we should love others! People cannot see God, but they can see what He does. When we love others, people see God working in us. They see God making us kind and loving.

When we trust Jesus as Saviour, God gives us His Spirit. He gives us the power to love others. He helps us tell others about Jesus; then they too can be saved from sin and go to heaven.

God wants us to learn to trust His love. We can learn to love God and others more and more.

When we know God loves us and Jesus died for us, we are not afraid of what will happen after we die. We know that Jesus took our punishment for sin. We