

Love One Another: A 5-Day Devotional for Kids

Based on the message from Deacon Brittany

This week, we are going on an adventure! Each day, you will read a Bible verse, think about what it means, and find a way to love the people around you. Jesus gave us the greatest commandment of all: to love one another. Let's discover together what that looks like every single day.

Day 1: Jesus Loves Us First

Jesus loved us before we did anything

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Love God and love one another

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Jesus came to serve, not to be served

Jesus Loves Us First

KEY VERSE

Key Verse: "We love because he first loved us." — 1 John 4:19

Devotional

Did you know that before you ever did anything good, Jesus already loved you? That is the most amazing news! God did not wait for us to be perfect or to do everything right. He sent Jesus to show us what love really looks like. Jesus healed people who were sick, spent time with people who felt lonely, and always made others feel seen and welcome.

Deacon Brittany told us that deacons are ministers of word and service. That means they follow Jesus by telling people the good news AND by helping people in real, everyday ways. The cool thing is, you do not have to be a deacon to do that! You can follow Jesus right now, today, just by choosing to love the people around you.

Think about someone in your life who loves you really well. Maybe it is a parent, a grandparent, a teacher, or a friend. That love you feel? It is a tiny reflection of how much God loves you. And when we feel that love, it fills us up so we can pour it out on others. Love is not something we make on our own. It starts with God, and then it flows through us to the whole world.

Reflection Questions

1. Can you think of one way Jesus showed love to someone in the Bible?
 2. Who is someone who shows you love every day?
 3. How does it feel to know that God loves you no matter what?
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Prayer

Dear God, thank you for loving me first. Thank you for sending Jesus to show me what real love looks like. Help me to remember today that I am loved, and help me share that love with someone else. In your name, amen.

The Greatest Commandment

KEY VERSE

Key Verse: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." — John 13:34

Devotional

When Jesus was asked what the most important rule was, he did not say "be the smartest" or "win every game." He said: love God, and love one another. That is it! Those two things are the greatest commandments of all. Loving one another is so important that Jesus said it more than once. He really wanted us to get it.

Deacon Brittany asked the kids a great question: what does loving somebody look like? And the answers were wonderful. Being there for someone. Being at home with your family. Those are acts of love! Love is not just a feeling inside your heart. It is something you show with your actions, your words, and your time.

Sometimes we think love has to be something big and dramatic, like a superhero rescuing someone. But most of the time, love is quiet and simple. It is sitting next to a friend who is sad. It is saying "I love you" before bed. It is sharing your snack. Small acts of love add up to something really beautiful, and they tell the people around you that they matter to God and to you.

Reflection Questions

1. What does loving someone look like at your house? At school?
 2. Has someone shown you a small act of love recently? What did they do?
 3. What is one small way you can love someone today?
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Prayer

Dear Jesus, you gave us the greatest commandment: to love one another just like you love us. That is a big job! Help me to choose love today in small ways and big ways. Show me who needs to feel loved, and help me be brave enough to show them. Amen.

A Cup of Cold Water

KEY VERSE

Key Verse: "And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward." — Matthew 10:42

Devotional

Imagine it is a really hot day and you have been running around outside. Someone hands you a cold cup of water. It feels so good! That simple act of kindness means everything in that moment. Jesus used this image to teach us something important: even the smallest act of service matters to God. You do not have to do something huge to make a difference in someone's life.

Deacon Britney reminded us that deacons go out into the community to serve people, just like bringing a cup of cold water to a neighbor. But she also said that your moms and dads are going to help with that, too! Service is something we do together as a family and as a church. Nobody has to do it alone, and everyone has something to give.

Think about your neighborhood. Think about your classroom. Think about your church. Who might be thirsty, not just for water, but for kindness? Maybe there is a classmate who always eats lunch alone. Maybe there is a neighbor who looks sad. Maybe there is a sibling who just needs someone to play with them. You have the power to offer that cup of cold water today, and Jesus says it matters very much.

Reflection Questions

1. What is a "cup of cold water" you could give to someone this week?
2. Can you think of someone at school or in your neighborhood who might need a small act of kindness?
3. How does it feel when someone does something kind for you out of nowhere?

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for showing me that even small things matter to you. Help me to see the people around me who need a cup of cold water, and give me a generous and willing heart to serve them. Help me remember that every kind act is done in your name. Amen.

Love in Action

KEY VERSE

Key Verse: "Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." — 1 John 3:18

Devotional

It is easy to say "I love you." Those words are wonderful and they matter a lot! But the Bible also tells us that love is not just something we say. It is something we do. Real love shows up. It holds the door open. It picks up something someone dropped. It gives a hug when someone is crying. It shares. It is patient. It keeps trying even when it is hard.

Deacon Brittany told us that loving people looks like holding the door open, serving people who need help, giving hugs, and smiling at someone. Those things might seem so ordinary, but they are actually little seeds of God's love being planted in the world. Every time you choose to act with kindness, you are doing the work of Jesus right here on earth. That is pretty incredible when you think about it!

This week, try to catch yourself in a moment when you COULD do something kind and then actually do it. Maybe you will let your brother or sister pick the movie. Maybe you will help set the table without being asked. Maybe you will say "good morning" to someone who looks like they are having a rough day. Love in action does not have to be perfect. It just has to be real and it has to show up.

Reflection Questions

1. What is the difference between saying you love someone and showing it?
 2. What is one way you showed love through your actions this week?
 3. Who in your life is really good at showing love through what they do? What can you learn from them?
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Prayer

Lord, help me to love in truth and in action. When I have a chance to be kind, give me the courage to do it. When it is easier to walk away, help me stay and serve. Let my hands and my feet show the love that is in my heart. In Jesus' name, amen.

Jesus, the Perfect Example

KEY VERSE

Key Verse: "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." — Mark 10:45

Devotional

We have spent five days learning about love and service, and it all comes back to one person: Jesus. He is the perfect example of how to serve. In all of history, no one has ever loved more completely, more freely, or more sacrificially than Jesus. He washed his friends' feet. He fed thousands of people who were hungry. He stopped everything to talk to children when others tried to send them away. He loved every single person he met.

In the prayer that Deacon Brittany prayed with the kids, she thanked God for giving us Jesus as the perfect example of how to serve. That prayer is a beautiful way to close out this week. Jesus did not come to earth to be famous or to be in charge. He came to serve, and he calls us to do the same. We will not always do it perfectly. That is okay! Jesus knows our hearts, and he is patient with us as we grow.

As you go into this next week, carry this truth with you: you are loved by the God of the whole universe, and you are called to share that love with everyone around you. You do not have to be a pastor or a deacon to do that. You just have to show up, pay attention, and be willing to love. The world needs more of that, and you have exactly what it takes. Go love people this week!

Reflection Questions

1. What is your favorite story of Jesus serving or helping someone?
2. Looking back at this week, what is one way you lived out the commandment to love one another?
3. How can you keep practicing love and service in the weeks ahead?

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for giving us Jesus, the perfect example of how to serve. Thank you for this week of learning about love. Help me to keep going, to keep loving, and to keep serving the people around me. In your name, we pray and play. Amen.