

God Loves Everybody

A 5-Day Devotional Bible Study for Kids

Based on the story of the Canaanite woman and Jesus, this week we are going to explore one of the biggest, most exciting truths in the whole Bible: **God loves everybody**. Every single person. No exceptions! Each day, you will read a verse, think about a short devotion, answer some fun questions, and close with a prayer. Grab your Bible, find a cozy spot, and let's dig in together!

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God Loves You!

KEY VERSE

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." — John 3:16

Devotional

Did you know that before you even got out of bed this morning, God already loved you? It is true! God does not love you because you were good at breakfast or because you cleaned your room. God loves you just because you are *you*. That is pretty amazing, right?

One of the first and most important things we learn from the Bible is that God's love is not tiny. It is not just for a small group of special people. God's love is huge and wide and deep, and it reaches all the way to every single person on earth, including YOU.

Sometimes we might feel like we are not good enough or that we have made too many mistakes for God to love us. But that is never true. God loves people who sin and believes everybody can have a second chance. What wonderful news! You do not have to earn God's love. You cannot buy it. You cannot lose it. It is yours, always and forever.

Reflection Questions

1. Can you think of a time when you felt really loved? What did that feel like?
2. Does God love you only when you are good, or all the time? How do you know?
3. Draw a picture of yourself with the words "God loves me!" written around it.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for loving me just the way I am. Help me remember every single day that your love for me never goes away, even when I mess up. Thank you for being such a good and loving God. Amen.

Jesus Is for Everyone

KEY VERSE

"There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." — Galatians 3:28

Devotional

Have you ever been left out of a game or a group? Maybe somebody said, "You can't play with us." That feels really bad, doesn't it? In Jesus's time on earth, people were often left out too. Some people thought that Jesus only came for certain kinds of people, like people who looked the same, talked the same, or came from the same place.

But Jesus had a very different idea. He showed over and over again that he came for *everybody*. Rich people and poor people. Healthy people and sick people. People from this town and people from far away. People that everyone liked and people that no one wanted to be around. Jesus walked right up to all of them and said, in his actions and his words, "You matter. You belong. I am here for you."

Today's verse from Galatians tells us that in Jesus, all the walls that separate people just fall down. There is no one who is too different or too far away for Jesus's love to reach. That means no matter who you are or where you come from, you have a place at God's table. And so does everyone else!

Reflection Questions

1. Have you ever felt left out? How did it feel? How do you think others feel when they are left out?
2. Name one person in your life who seems very different from you. Did you know Jesus loves them just as much as he loves you?
3. What is one way you could help someone feel included this week?

Prayer

Dear God, thank you that Jesus came for everybody, including me. Help me remember that everyone around me belongs in your love too. Show me how to be someone who includes others instead of leaving them out. Amen.

The Outsider Gets Help

KEY VERSE

"Then Jesus said to her, 'Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.' And her daughter was healed at that moment." — Matthew 15:28

Devotional

In our gospel story this week, there is a woman called the Canaanite woman. She was an outsider. That means she was not part of the group that most people thought Jesus came to help. She was different from the disciples, different from the crowds that usually followed Jesus. But that did not stop her. She came to Jesus anyway and said, "Jesus, I need help. My daughter is really sick."

The disciples were not very happy about this. They said, "She is not like us. You don't have to help her." That was pretty wrong, wasn't it? They thought Jesus's love and power were only for a select few people who fit in. But the Canaanite woman kept asking because she believed with her whole heart that God loved her too. And she was right!

Jesus helped her. He healed her daughter because of her great faith. This story shows us that being an outsider does not put you outside of God's love. It does not matter if you look different, speak a different language, come from a different place, or believe different things. God's love reaches everyone who reaches out. The Canaanite woman was brave enough to ask, and Jesus was ready to answer.

Reflection Questions

1. Why do you think the disciples didn't want Jesus to help the Canaanite woman? Were they right or wrong?
2. Who are the "outsiders" in your school or neighborhood? How do you think God sees them?
3. What does the Canaanite woman's story teach us about faith and asking for help?

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for the story of the Canaanite woman. She reminds me that your love is for everyone, even people others leave out. Help me to never leave anyone out the way the disciples tried to. Give me a heart that sees others the way you do. Amen.

Love Is Not Always Easy

KEY VERSE

"But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven." — Matthew 5:44-45

Devotional

Let's be honest for a second. Some people are easy to love. Your best friend, your grandma who gives great hugs, the teacher who always cheers you on. But what about the kid who is mean to you on the playground? Or the person who is super prickly and never seems to want to be friendly? Or someone who is just so different from you that you don't even know where to start?

Loving those people is hard. And that is okay to admit! Even grownups find it hard to love people who are prickly or difficult or who don't like them back. But here is something really important: we are not God. God loves *everybody*, even people who sin, even people who make mistakes, even people who have hurt us. That is an enormous kind of love.

Our job is not to be perfect at loving. Our job is to *try*. Because we know that God loves every person we meet, that means every person deserves to be treated well, even when it is hard. You do not have to be best friends with everyone. But you can be kind. You can be respectful. You can pray for them. And when it is really hard, you can ask God to help you love them a little bit better than you could on your own.

Reflection Questions

1. Think of someone who is hard for you to love or be kind to. Why is it hard?
2. What is one small kind thing you could do for that person this week, even if it feels hard?
3. When loving others feels impossible, who can you ask for help?

Prayer

Dear God, loving everyone is really hard sometimes. There are people in my life who are difficult to be kind to. I cannot do it perfectly on my own. Please help me try. Help me treat people well because I know you love them, even when I find it hard. Amen.

Share the Fuzzy Feeling

KEY VERSE

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

Devotional

You made it to Day 5! This whole week, we have been talking about one really big and beautiful truth: God loves everybody. God loves you, God loves the people you know, and God loves the people who seem like outsiders. God loves the prickly people, the different people, the people who speak other languages and come from far away places. God's love has no borders and no limits.

So here is the big question we end with: what do we do with all of that? One of the kids in the sermon said something really wise. They said we should treat people good because God loves them. That is it! That is the whole thing. Because God has put this warm, good, fuzzy feeling inside of us through his love, we get to share it with everyone around us. We are not doing it to earn anything. We do not *have* to do anything to earn God's love. But we share love with others because we have been loved so much first.

Think about it like this: when someone gives you a big plate of your favorite cookies, what do you want to do? Share them! God's love is like that. It is so good and so big that you just want to pass it around. This week, look for chances to share that fuzzy feeling. A kind word, a smile at someone who looks lonely, including someone who is left out. We are not going to be perfect, but we can try. And that is exactly what God asks of us.

Reflection Questions

1. What is one thing you learned this week about God's love that surprised you or made you happy?
2. Who is one person you can share God's love with this week? What will you do?
3. How does knowing God loves you help you love others, even when it is hard?

This Week's Challenge

📅 Every day this week, do one kind thing for someone who seems different from you or who is left out. At the end of the week, share what happened with a parent, teacher, or friend!

Today's Prayer

Hey God! Thank you for loving us so much. Thank you for giving us Jesus who showed us what your love really looks like. Help us take all the good fuzzy love you give us and share it with everyone around us, even the outsiders, even when it is hard. We are going to try. In your name we pray. Amen.