

Overview of October Segment 2 lessons



UNIT THEME: THE WONDER OF GOD'S LOVE

This month's lessons focus on the wonder of God's love. How can we know for sure that God is always with us and willing to help? Because of God's love for us! The love of God is the sure foundation of our faith in Him. His love gives us the absolute assurance that we are never alone or without help. God's love for us is unfailing, it never stops, it is eternal. God's love is the reason we are alive. The more we become rooted and grounded in God's love, the more we will become happy, fruitful and fulfilled.

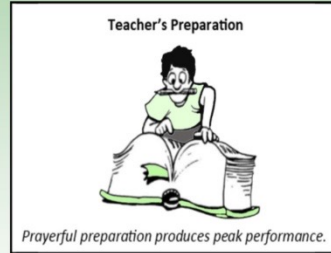
The lessons demonstrate God's love to each child, for their families and to everyone in general. Emphasis is also placed on the fact that each child can love God in return. It's very important that at this early age children become aware of the extent and wonder of God's love for them and that they can be brought into a loving relationship with Him, who is the creator of everyone and everything.

This month your students will learn some invaluable lessons as you look at the following topics.

October - Segment 2 Lessons

- 1st Sunday The wonder that God Loves you
- 2nd Sunday The wonder that God Loves Families
- 3rd Sunday The wonder that God loves Everybody
- 4th Sunday The wonder that you can love God

LESSON
Children
October - 3rd Sunday



3rd Sunday.... The wonder that God loves everybody

Topic: The wonder that God loves everybody

Main Text: St. John 3:16

Central focus: God loves everyone-even those He punishes

Golden Text: St. John 3:16—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

Specific Objective/Learning Outcome

Cognitive Domain– Knowledge (What will students know?)

- The Golden Text
- God loved everybody from the beginning
- God continues to love everybody
- How God loves everybody

Psychomotor Domain - Skills (What will students do?)

Golden Text Memorization Activity
Personalize the golden text

Affective Domain- Attitudes (What will students feel /experience?)

Today we should be happy that Jesus died to save us from our sins.

Materials:

Teacher's Inspiration

As you prepare to teach your class this lesson, I trust the following illustration will be an inspiration to you.

The Christian life is like the dial of a clock. The hands are God's hands passing over and over again—the short hand of discipline and the long hand of mercy. Slowly and surely the hand of discipline must pass, and God speaks at each stroke. But over and over passes the hand of mercy, showering down a twelvefold blessing for each stroke of the discipline and trial. But hands are fastened to one secure pivot: the great unchanging heart of our God of love.





OPENING ACTIVITIES

- Welcome** Greet each child
- Devotion:** Foster the Holy Spirit's Presence: Song –Prayer
- Topic:** **The wonder that God loves everybody**
- Main Text:** St. John 3:16
- Central focus:** God loves everyone-even those He punishes
- Golden Text:** St. John 3:16—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
- Learn present Golden Text:**
- Memorization activity:**

Read it	Record/write it	Recite it
Register/hear it	Rehearse it	Relate/share it

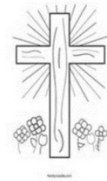
LESSON

INTRODUCTION

The Imaginative Learner

Why do I need to know this lesson?

Jesus Loves Me



This month the lessons focus on the wonder of God's love. Today's lesson will feature the wonder that God loves everybody.

The God who created the universe, the most powerful being ever, loves everybody. His love does not discriminate. He cares about our lives and wants to be part of them. God love is unconditional, He loves you and me whatever state our lives are in.

Let's sing these songs and do the actions as we reflect of God's amazing love.

Song #1: Love wonderful Love

*Love wonderful love, the Love of Christ to me
Love wonderful love, so rich, so full, so free
Wide, wide as the ocean, deep, deep as the sea
High, high as the heavens above His love to me.*

Song #2: His love reaches me everywhere

*Wide, wide as the ocean, High as the heavens above
Deep, deep as the deepest sea is my saviour's love
I though so unworthy still I'm a child of his care
For his word teaches me that his love reaches me everywhere.*

The Bible communicates to us the extent of God's wonderful, extravagant, unstoppable and unconditional love. Even if we spent our whole lives running from God or doing things we regret, He still loves us and wants to have a relationship with us.

This lesson is very important for us to know especially if there is a struggle to believe that God loves everyone. This lessons teaches us that God loves us though we are sometimes disobedient. It also teaches that when we disobey there are consequences and that even though God loves us He punishes us when we disobey.

The topics to be covered are:

- God loved everybody from the beginning
- God continues to love everybody
- How God loves everybody

BODY

The Analytic Learner

What do I need to know?



- God loved everybody from the beginning

When God created the world and everything in it, he said that *it was good*. God spoke everything into existence. It was a perfect place without sin. Sometime later, though, something terrible happened that affected the rest of mankind forever. Adam and Eve were tempted by Satan to disobey God. Their disobedience brought God's punishment, which is death—on themselves and all future generations of people. Their sin also cursed all of creation: "Cursed is the ground because of you. . . ." Genesis 3:17. This is the bad news

However there is a good news as even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God, He still loved them. God had a plan from the beginning of time to save **them and all those who would put their trust in Him**. In Genesis 3:15, we hear the first bit of good news to reclaim, restore, and push back the effects of sin. God told Satan that He would send Someone, Jesus Christ, to crush him.

Because of God's love for everybody, God is working to restore the earth to its original perfection, and to establish his rule on earth as it is in heaven.

- God continues to love everybody

God does not love us because we are lovable or because we deserve His love. If anything, the opposite is true. The state of mankind since the fall is one of rebellion and disobedience. Jeremiah 17:9 describes man's inner condition: "***The heart is deceitful and desperately wicked. Who can know it?***" Our innermost beings are so corrupted by sin that we don't even realize the extent to which sin has tainted us. In our natural state, we do not seek God; we do not love God; we do not desire God.

However God shows that He continues to love us by lavishing His love on undeserving people like you and me who constantly disobey Him. God showed this sacrificial love by:

⇒ sending His Son to the cross to pay the penalty for our sin (1 John 4:10)

⇒ drawing us to Himself (John 6:44),

⇒ forgiving us of our rebellion against Him,

⇒ sending His Holy Spirit to dwell within us

By doing these things God enables us to love as He loves. He does this in spite of the fact that we do not deserve it. God's love is a wonder. It is never ending.

BODY

The Common Sense Learner

How does it work?

- **How God loves everybody (St. John 3:16)**

God loves everybody with an immeasurable love. It's so high you can't get over it, so wide you can't get around it. It is a wonder. No one loves you as much as God does. One of the most referred to evidence that God loves everybody is found in St. John 3:16. This verse has been called the Golden Text of the Bible. It presents the whole message of the Bible in the most summarized manner. It is about the love of God. Most Christians learn it by-heart at a tender age (If you don't know it this lesson will help you to learn it).

Let's look at how St. John 3: 16 shows us how God loves everybody universally, sacrificially, personally and eternally.

- * **God's love is Universal (For God so loves the world ...)**

When we say God loves the world we mean he has the best intention for his creation. He loves the peoples of the world of every nation whether they are male or female, black or white, Christian or non Christians, rich or poor. Every one is the object of God's love .

While on earth, Jesus perfectly illustrated the Father's nature and character. One surprising fact is that He made friends with "tax collectors and sinners" ([Luke 7:34](#)). These two groups of people were despised and avoided by godly Jews of Jesus' day. Why? Tax collectors often robbed their fellow countrymen by requiring more payment than was actually due. "Sinners" were those who scoffed at or made fun of God's law, failed to participate in worship, and/or made money by sinful means. Jesus didn't just preach to these people—He actually enjoyed their company ... and they enjoyed His.

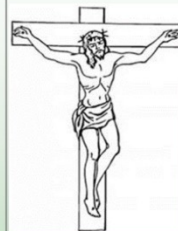
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True love is sacrificial.

God proved His love by sending His only Son, Jesus Christ, to die as a substitute for man. Love is shown by word and deed/action and indeed God's sacrificial gift was love in action. Romans 5:8 says, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this while we were still sinners Christ died for us."



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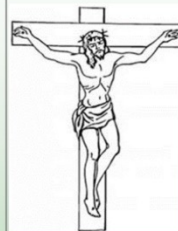
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The Dynamic Learner

What can I do with what I have learnt?
(Application)



It is amazing how God loves everybody, both universally and personally.

God would not want Adam and Eve, you, your Mommy and Daddy and I to be destroyed like that. God loves us. So God gave his only son, Jesus Christ that anyone who will accept Him and decide to live for Him will have their sins washed away. They will no longer perish or go to hell with Satan, but they will have eternal life with God in heaven. (St. John 3:16)

You can embrace God's amazing love today.

Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour? If not, right now is a perfect time.

Pray this prayer with me

Dear God, thank you for loving everybody in the world and for sending your only begotten Son Jesus Christ to die for our sins. Lord I believe in Jesus and I confess that I am a sinner and need Him to save me. Please forgive me of my sins and come into my heart. Thank you for saving me and for your gift of eternal life. Amen.

Congratulations! You have accepted God's amazing love.

CONCLUSION

Today's lesson was about the wonder that God loves everybody. The God who created the universe, the most powerful being ever, loves everybody. He cares about our lives and wants to be part of them. God love is unconditional, He loves you and me whatever state our lives are in.

When God created the world it was good. The world has become an evil place as a result of sin. The state of mankind since the fall is one of rebellion and disobedience. However because of God's love for everyone He has sent His only begotten son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins to bring mankind back into fellowship with Him. God's love is universal, sacrificial, personal and eternal.

Everyone can embrace God's amazing love. Have you?

ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS

Cognitive Domain– Knowledge...

1. According to John 3:14 how much does God love every body { His love is universal, sacrificial, personal and eternal]
2. According to St. John 3:16, because God loved the world, He gave _____.[His only begotten son]

ACTIVITY

Psychomotor Domain – Skills... (What the students should do to reinforce what they have learnt.)

Recite Golden Text _____

CLOSING ACTIVITY

Affective Domain- Attitudes - (What the students should feel /experience.)

How does today's lesson make you feel?

What attitude or behavior does it make you want to change?

Today we should feel happy that Jesus died to save us from our sins.

Let's pray and ask God to help us to experience this feeling and to change any attitude or behavior that this lesson features as being displeasing to Him.

Prayer

Activity: Personalised Text

Allow each child to personalize the Golden Text, St. John 3:16, by placing his/her name on the dotted lines.

MY PERSONAL ST. JOHN 3:16

For God so loved

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that He gave his only begotton Son that if

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believes on Him

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will have eternal life.



Prayer
Next lesson



Keep safe