

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.

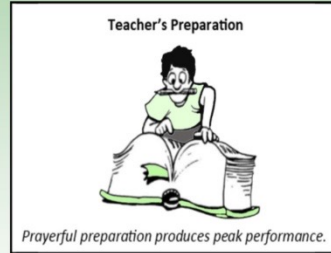
The lessons demonstrate God's love to each child, for their families and to everyone in general. Emphasis is also placed on the fact that each child can love God in return. It's very important that at this early age children become aware of the extent and wonder of God's love for them and that they can 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 - 4th Sunday



4th Sunday.... The wonder that you can love God

Topic: The wonder that you can love God
Main Text: Luke 7:36-39
Central focus: I can love God in return.
Golden Text: St. Mark 12:30a (NIV)- Love the Lord your God

Specific Objective/Learning Outcome

Cognitive Domain– Knowledge (What will students know?)

- The Golden Text
- God's love for us while we are sinners
- How we can show our love for God?
- How a woman showed her love for God?
- How others felt about her gift?
- How Jesus responded to her gift?

Psychomotor Domain - Skills (What will students do?)

Golden Text Memorization Activity

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

Today we should feel love for God.

Materials: Bottle of perfume, bottle of water

Teacher's Inspiration

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

Jesus Loves Me



I am a friend of God

By Israel Houghton

Verse

Who am I that you are mindful of me

That you hear me, when I ca

Is it true that you are thinking of me

How you love me, it's amazing (Who am I Lord)

Chorus:

I am a friend of God

I am a friend of God

I am a friend of God

He calls me friend

Bridge:

God Almighty

Lord of Glory

You have called me friend

It's amazing; you are a friend of God! Just like Enoch, Abraham, Moses and a host of other men and women of God. As you teach this lesson you can impact your class with this incredible thought.



OPENING ACTIVITIES

- Welcome** Greet each child
- Devotion:** Foster the Holy Spirit's Presence: Song –Prayer
- Topic:** The wonder that you can love God
- Main Text:** Luke 7:36-39
- Central focus:** I can love God in return.
- Golden Text:** St. Mark 12:30a (NIV)- Love the Lord your God
- 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?

This month the lessons focus on the wonder of God's love. Today's lesson will feature the wonder that we can love God in return. Imagine what it would feel like if you are showing love to someone, but in return they ignore you or embarrass you. It's an awful feeling.

However it would be a great feeling to know that the love you are giving is appreciated.

There was once a very rich man that had a son. All the people that lived in his village loved this man so much because he was kind and friendly to all the children and all the adults and all the animals that lived in the village.

Whenever anyone was sick they would call on him for help and he would help them. Whenever they had no food they would call on him and he would help them just the same.

His son was very much like him and one day the father decided he would start sending his son to deliver things to the villagers. But the people hated the son for no good reason.

One day a crowd of people attacked the son and beat him all over - the same people that the father loved to help. When the father heard about what happened to his son and saw the many bruises on his head, his hands, his side and his feet, he was very sad. He said to the people, with tears in his eyes, "You say you love me, but if you really loved me you would have loved my son also." He even promised them that if they showed love to his son he would reward them for it.

Some of the villagers felt sorry for what they had done and decided to change their attitude. They started to treat the son with love and kindness. However others just didn't care.

Our lesson today teaches us that we can show our love for God by loving his son Jesus Christ. That is why this lesson is so important for you to know.

The topics to be covered in today's lesson are:

- God loves us while we are sinners
- We can show our love for God
- How to show our love for God

BODY

The Analytic Learner

What do I need to know?



- **God loves us while we are sinners**

Some people say that they love, but when it comes time to show it they find it hard to do so. God says that He loves us and He showed us His great love for us by sending His son Jesus to die for our sins.

Jesus left His home in heaven, a place of splendor, majesty and comfort (which is nicer than the most beautiful place here on earth) to come to earth to die for our sins. He did this for people that did not love Him. Romans 5:8b (NIV) says, “While we were still sinners Christ died for us.”

- **We can show our love for God**

We can show God how much we love him by keeping his commandments (Ecclesiastics 12:13). We also show God how much we love Him by appreciating the sacrifice or gift of His son Jesus. No one can truly love God or serve Him without accepting Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

Today some people say bad things about Jesus and do not serve Him. But Jesus is the one who shows us just how much God loves us. To love God and to be His friend we must love and accept Jesus.

The following story found in Luke 7:36-39, is about a woman who showed her love for God by loving Jesus. She gave Jesus a very special gift.

⁶ When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee’s house and reclined at the table. ³⁷ A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee’s house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. ³⁸ As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner.”

Let’s look at the story even closer as we learn about how we can show love to God.

BODY

The Common Sense Learner

How does it work?

- **How to show our Love for God (Luke 7: 36-39)**

In Luke there is the story of a woman who was a sinner. She did a lot of bad things in her life. She heard that Jesus was at the home of Simon the Pharisee and without an invitation she went to the house.

She brought with her an expensive bottle of perfume. (Show the children a bottle of perfume and a bottle of water. Ask them which one would cost more. Emphasize the point that the woman loved Jesus so much she chose the more expensive of the two to express her love). When she entered the house, she knelt down at Jesus feet and started to cry. She used her tears to wash Jesus' feet and her hair to dry them. She even kissed his feet and then poured the perfume on them. God would have been pleased with her actions towards His Son. She sacrificed, showed sorrow and served Jesus.

- * **By Sacrificing:** The Bible tells us that the woman used a alabaster jar of perfume to anoint the feet of Jesus. Based on a similar story recorded in the gospel of Matthew, the perfume kept in these jars can be quite expensive. It was therefore a sacrificial gift. When we love Jesus in return, nothing can be too expensive to give to Him. Remember he gave his life—that's the ultimate gift. Nothing can be equated with Jesus' level of sacrifice.
- * **By Sorrowing:** The Bible tell us that she wet Jesus feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. Sometimes when we are truly sorry for our mistake or misbehavior it causes us to cry. This woman was a sinner, she had done many bad things and she was sorry about it.
- * **By Serving:** By her actions the lady showed that she saw Jesus as a Saviour and was willing to serve him. There was a custom in those day as to how to treat a guest in your home but Simon the Pharisee did not show Jesus these courtesies: he did not give Jesus any water for his feet, he did not give Jesus a kiss, and he did not put oil on Jesus' head (St. Luke 26: 44-46). However the woman showed great love for Jesus. She used her tears to wash His feet and her hair to dry them. She even kissed his feet and then poured the perfume on them.

Jesus responded to her acts of love by forgiving her of her many sins (St. Luke 7: 47,48).



BODY

The Dynamic Learner

What can I do with what I have learnt?

(Application)

God loves us and when we love him in return it is shown by our actions. That means we give Him our best - something we know will please Him. The woman who anointed Jesus' feet with an expensive perfume was showing her love for God by giving Jesus her best. In the same way you can show love for God by loving Jesus. The greatest gift that we can give to Jesus is our heart.

⇒ How would you express/show your love to someone who loves you, e.g. you parent

⇒ How will you express/ show love to God who loves you unconditionally



CONCLUSION

Today's lesson was about how to love God in return it is shown by our actions. That means we give Him our best - something we know will please Him. The woman who anointed Jesus' feet with an expensive perfume was showing her love for God by giving Jesus her best. In the same way you can show love for God by loving Jesus. The greatest gift that we can give to Jesus is our heart.

ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS

Cognitive Domain– Knowledge...

What did the woman pour on Jesus' feet? [Perfume] _____

What is the greatest gift we can give to Jesus? [Ourselves] _____

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 love for God.

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: Jesus and His friends

Say how each of these children in the picture are expressing their love for Jesus.

Colour a copy of this picture.



Ref: <https://www.pinterest.com/lasan0215/jesus-and-the-children/>

Prayer
Next lesson



Keep safe