## 1st-5th Grade Small Group Lesson

**Session Title:** Love One Another **Bible Passage:** 1 John 3:10-18

Main Point: John wrote that others will know we are

Christians because we love one another.

**Key Passage:** Galatians 2:20

Big Picture Question: Why does God want us to obey Him? Obedience is our response

to God's love for us.

**Christ Connection:** John wrote a letter to teach believers in the church about the importance of showing love. Love is more than feelings or words—it is an action. Jesus showed God's love for us when He died on the cross to rescue people from sin.

## **Love Actions Activity**

Invite a volunteer to act out a way he/she can show love to others. Challenge the other people in the group to guess what he/she is acting out. Then, switch to another volunteer and give them a chance to act out a new way to show love.

### Suggestions:

- Giving someone a hug
- Helping someone with homework
- Loaning someone an umbrella
- Tying someone's shoe for him or her
- Baking a cake for someone
- Sharing your lunch with someone
- Saying kind words to someone
- Shaking hands with your opponent after a game
- Protecting someone from harm
- Telling someone about Jesus

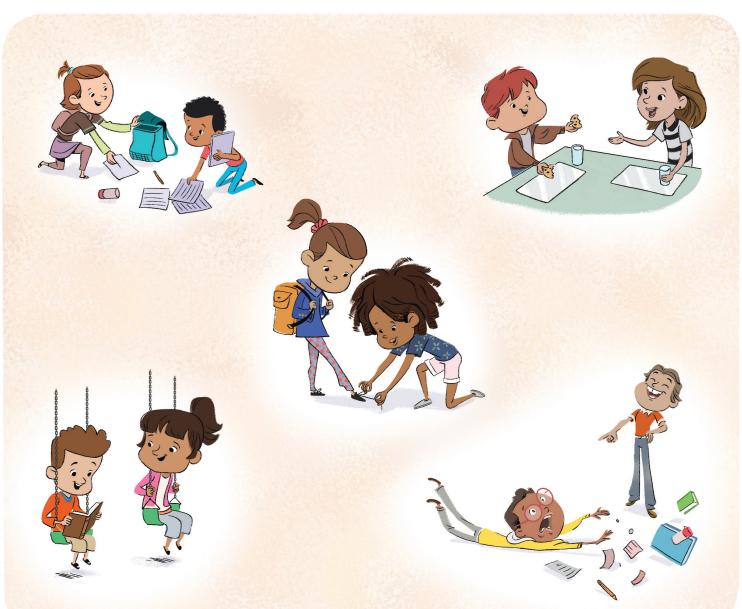
Wow! There are so many ways to show love to others. We know that perfect love comes from God. Jesus showed perfect love by dying on the cross for us even though we did not deserve it. John wrote that others will know we are Christians because we love one another. We know what love is because God has shown us great love. We can show love to others to help them learn who God is.



# Love in Action

**KEY PASSAGE:** Galatians 2:20

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Circle the pictures that show kids showing love. Cross out the pictures of kids being mean.



#### **BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

 Why does God want us to obey Him? Obedience is our response to God's love for us.

#### BIBLE STORY: LOVE ONE ANOTHER

- John wrote a letter to Christians.
- John's letter was about love.
- John wrote that others will know we are Christians because we love one another.

#### FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why do you think love is the trait Christians should be known by?
- Where does love come from?
- What does love look like?

#### **FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- Look for volunteer opportunities that your family can participate in together, such as working at a soup kitchen, conducting a clothing drive, or doing yard work for a neighbor.
- Play dress-up with your kids.
   Discuss what costume props mark a sheriff, a karate warrior, or a pop singer. Talk about the way love marks Christians.

Younger Kids Activity Pages Unit 31, Session 4