



## Explore

**Look up and read your memory verse, Galatians 5:14, in your Bible.**

Let's discover how God helps us to love others.

**Look up and read John 3:16 in your Bible, and fill in the blanks.**

For God so \_\_\_\_\_ the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have \_\_\_\_\_.

God is our best example of love. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for our sins. You will still have consequences for your sin, but you will spend forever in heaven with God if you accept Jesus Christ as your Savior.

When you accept Jesus as your Savior, you will live a life that shows people who God is and how He loves people. When we discover God's grace towards us, we discover His love.

**Look up and read 1 John 4:7 in your Bible.**

Where is love from?

To love people in the best way, you need to depend on God and His power. You cannot do it on your own.

**Look up and read 1 John 4:19 in your Bible.**

Why do we love others?

When you learn about God, you will love Him more and more. Knowing God will make you want to love others too!

**Look up and read John 13:35 in your Bible.**

How will people know that you are a disciple (follower) of Jesus?

When you do loving and kind things for others, you are showing the world that you love God.

The Bible tells you to love your neighbor, but your neighbor is not just someone who lives next door. Your neighbor is anyone who you have contact with.

Who is a neighbor you need to love from your church?

Who is a neighbor you need to love in your family?

How can you love your neighbor who isn't easy to love?

When do you need to depend on God to love your neighbor? Circle one.

**ALL THE TIME**

**SOMETIMES**

**NEVER**

You won't always want to love others. You may not want to love someone. When that happens, trust that God will help you love your neighbor.

As you grow in understanding God's love for you, look for opportunities to show love to others!

### DEFINITION

**NEIGHBOR** — anyone you have contact with

## Discussion Questions

These questions are just a few that your small group will talk about. Think about your responses to the following questions.

1. How has God shown His love to you? How can you show that kind of love to someone this week?
2. When is it hard to love others? What can you do when it is difficult?

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### Look up and read your memory verse, Psalm 16:11, in your Bible.

When we discover God's grace and love, we discover joy. Joy is more than running around with a smile on your face and laughing all the time. Let's find out more about joy.

Think about a rubber duck floating in water, even when you push it down it pops back up to the top of the water. That is what happens with joy that is from God. No matter how life may try to push you down, a believer can't help but have joy!

### Look up and read Acts 3:1-3 in your Bible.

What was wrong with the man? (Verse 2)

Every day the lame man was carried to the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate. What would he ask people for? (Verse 2)

Whom did the lame man ask for money in verse 3?

### Look up and read Acts 3:4-6 in your Bible.

What did Peter NOT give to the man? (Verse 6)

Peter and John didn't have money to give, but they had something much better ... they told him about Jesus.

What did Peter tell the man to do in verse 6? In the name of Jesus

Christ of Nazareth

In the space below, draw a picture of what happened in verses 7 and 8.

The man was excited and filled with joy! He was so thankful for what God had done that he not only walked, he jumped up and down and praised God!

God gives us joy, too, when we trust Jesus as our Savior. It isn't something we work to have. Even when life doesn't go like we want it to, God gives us joy.

Who saw the man walking and praising God? (Verse 9)

When the people saw the lame man healed, what does verse 10 tell us that they were filled with? Circle the two words below.

WONDER

FEAR

AMAZEMENT

PANIC

When people see our joy, they want to have the same joy!

#### DEFINITION

**JOY** — contentment and happiness in a person that comes from a relationship with our trustworthy God

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1. When is it difficult for you to have joy? When is it easy to be joyful?
2. What does it mean to choose joy? What does joy look like?