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☆Let's Talk and Wonder

SAY Long ago, a disciple of Jesus named John wrote a letter to the people in God's family. This letter is in the Bible. We call it First John. The Holy Spirit guided John so he could write what God wanted his people to know and obey. When the letter arrived, God's people listened as John's letter was read to them.

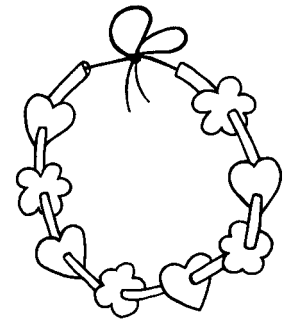
ASK *What do you think the letter said?*

SAY In the letter, we learn that God showed his love for us by sending his Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins and be our Savior. All those who trust in Jesus are part of God's family. We show love for God by obeying the command of Jesus to love one another.


SAY I wonder what we can do and say to show that we love others . . .

☆Let's Make

- 1 Make leis. Gather the following: **shoelaces or yarn, small paper hearts, paper flowers, and straws cut in 1-inch pieces.** Use a hole puncher to punch holes in the middle of the hearts and flowers.
- 2 Give each child a shoelace and tie a knot at one end. Demonstrate how to thread the paper hearts, flowers, and straws onto the shoelace to make a lei. While working, talk about different things we can do and say to show God's love to others. To complete each lei, tie the ends of the shoelace together.
- 3 Invite children to try on the leis they made. Encourage them to give them away to show love to someone who needs cheering up. Or you may arrange a group visit to a local nursing home where children can visit residents and give away their leis.



☆Let's Sing

Sing "O, How I Love Jesus." Then sing these additional verses.  **Preschool Vol. 2 CD**
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| 1 Serve one another,
Serve one another,
Serve one another,
To show that we love the Lord! | 2 Love one another,
Love one another,
Love one another,
Jesus says to God's family! |
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