

# Love Lessons

Read the four situations. Decide how you would act in each situation to show the love of God.

**Harvey** asked to borrow one of your favorite toys and he lost it. Harvey has apologized and offered to replace the toy as soon as he can save up enough money. How can you show Harvey the love of God?

**Nick** is the neighborhood bully. He is always picking on someone. He has threatened you and your friends several times. One day you notice that Nick is walking by himself. He looks sad. How can you show Nick the love of God?



**Thomas** is a very smart boy, and he has a way of letting everyone know it. He knows the answer to every question and he is always ready to share his knowledge. Most kids go the opposite way when they see Thomas coming. How can you show Thomas the love of God?

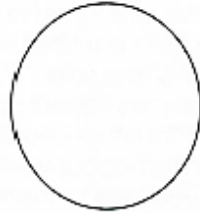
**Mary** is very quiet and has very little confidence in herself. When she does speak, she usually is saying something to put herself down. How can you show Mary the love of God?



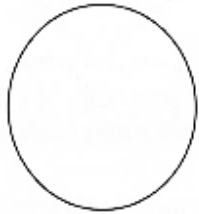
To truly love other people, we must imagine how they feel when others treat them in a bad way or a good way. Read each story below. How would you feel if this were you? Draw faces to show your answer.



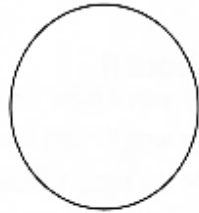
1. Carlos was worried about the first day in his new school. He could not speak English very well. He was not sure if he would be able to understand what the teacher was saying. How would you feel if you were in this situation?



2. Jill's family decided to start going to church. Jill had a deformed hand. She wondered what the kids in her Bible class would do when they noticed it. On Sunday, she walked into the room, and a girl looked at her. She saw Jill's hand. She said, "Hi. Want to sit by me?" The teacher gave Jill a sticker for her attendance chart. A boy smiled at her as he handed out the workbooks. They treated her just like everyone else! How would you feel?



3. Doug was overweight. He was bigger than all the other children in his class. The boys said he was too fat to play basketball with them. The girls teased him and called him "Chubby." When they had races in gym class, Doug came in last, and the children laughed at him. How would you feel?

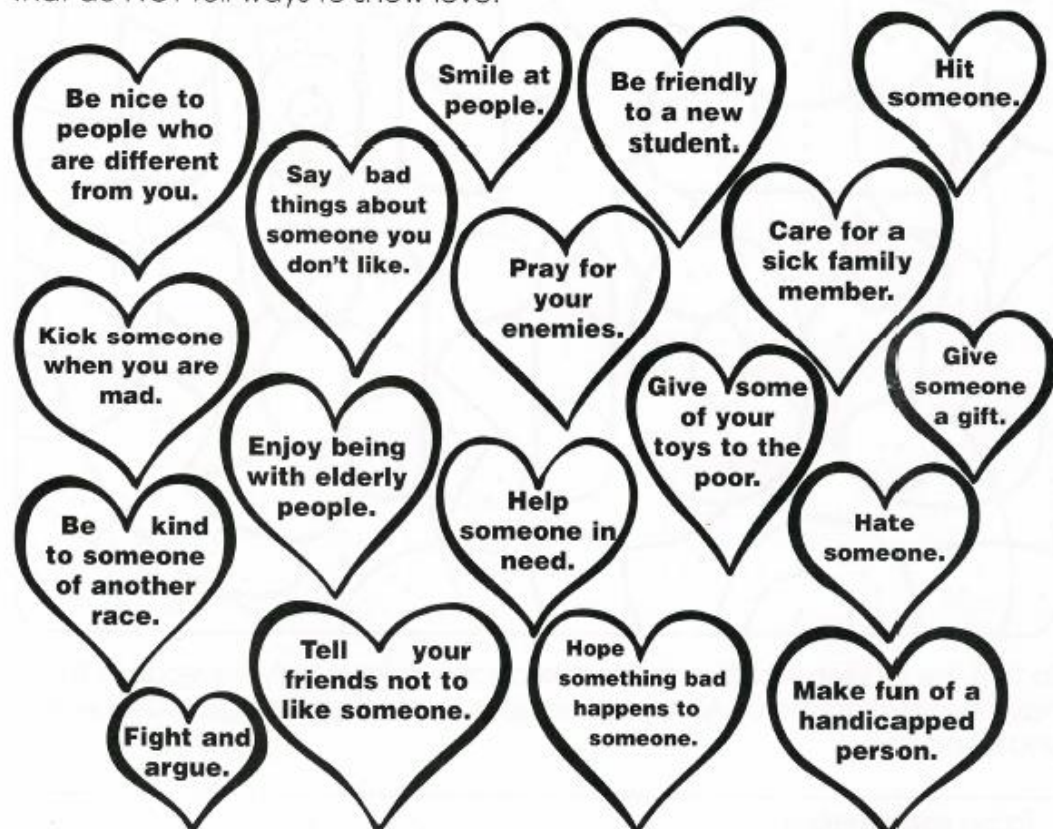


Do you love God? Do you love all people? To find out what the Bible says about loving God and loving people, fill in the missing words in the Bible verse below by looking at the clues. Use both clues to find the correct word in the Answer Box. Write the correct words in the blanks. The first one is done for you.

Answer Box			
	brother	whom	seen
	given	love	John
	command	anyone	God

"For anyone who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love the Father who has not seen him. And he has not loved us this because that whoever loves his brother whom he has seen must also love his brother whom he has not seen." (1 John 4: 20-21)

Use a pink or red crayon to color in the hearts that tell what you can do to show love to everyone. Use a black crayon to make a big X on the hearts that do NOT tell ways to show love.



### QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS:

How is love an action? A feeling? How is it done in truth?  
How can I love more?  
What if I am not in the mood to be loving?  
Does Jesus expect us to love all people?

**PRAY:** God help me to be more loving in my actions and commitments to others. Help me to love people I find hard to love and thank you for the love you have shown to me and set the perfect example of love through your Holy, Loving Son.

### MAKE A LIST OF ALL THE PEOPLE WHO LOVE YOU



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### 1 John 3:18

*Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.*

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