



The Love of God: 5-Week Children's Ministry Curriculum

 **Big Idea:** Nothing in this world compares to God's love.

 **Memory Verse:** John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

 **Theme Hook:** Discovering true love despite the Valentine's Day hype

Kids hear about "love" everywhere in February—candy hearts, crushes, and silly movies—but those messages are confusing and don't last. Sometimes, "love" sounds like it's just about feelings or gifts, and that can leave kids feeling left out or unsure what real love is.

The LOVE of God 5-week series helps children look past all the Valentine's Day hype to discover what real love looks like in the Bible. Each week, we'll investigate a new story that spells L-O-V-E and shows why God's love is the best love of all.

You are viewing the free sample lesson from [The Love of God \(Kids Age 6-12\)](#) click here to download the complete 5-Week Curriculum or see the full [2026 Children's Ministry Scope & Sequence](#).

5-Week Lesson Overview

Week 1 – God’s Love is (L) Long-Suffering

- **Bible Story:** Adam & Eve Disobey but God Still Cares (Genesis 3)
- **Key Discovery:** Even when I mess up, God still loves me and wants to forgive me.
- **Takeaway:** I can always ask God for forgiveness and know He will still love me.

Week 2 – God’s Love is (O) One-of-a-Kind

- **Bible Story:** The Parable of the Lost Sheep (Matthew 18:10-14)
- **Key Discovery:** I am so important to God that He will always come looking for me.
- **Takeaway:** I can remember that I matter to God and help others know they matter too.

Week 3 – God’s Love is (V) Victorious

- **Bible Story:** Jesus and Nicodemus (John 3:1-21)
- **Key Discovery:** Jesus loves me so much that He gave His life so I can live forever with Him.
- **Takeaway:** I can always trust Jesus to save me and give me hope for forever.

Week 4 – God’s Love is (E) Eternal

- **Bible Story:** David’s Song & John the Baptist’s Birth (Psalm 139:13-18; Luke 1:39-45)
- **Key Discovery:** God’s love for me never ends—He has loved me since before I was born.
- **Takeaway:** I can always trust that God will love me no matter what, every single day.

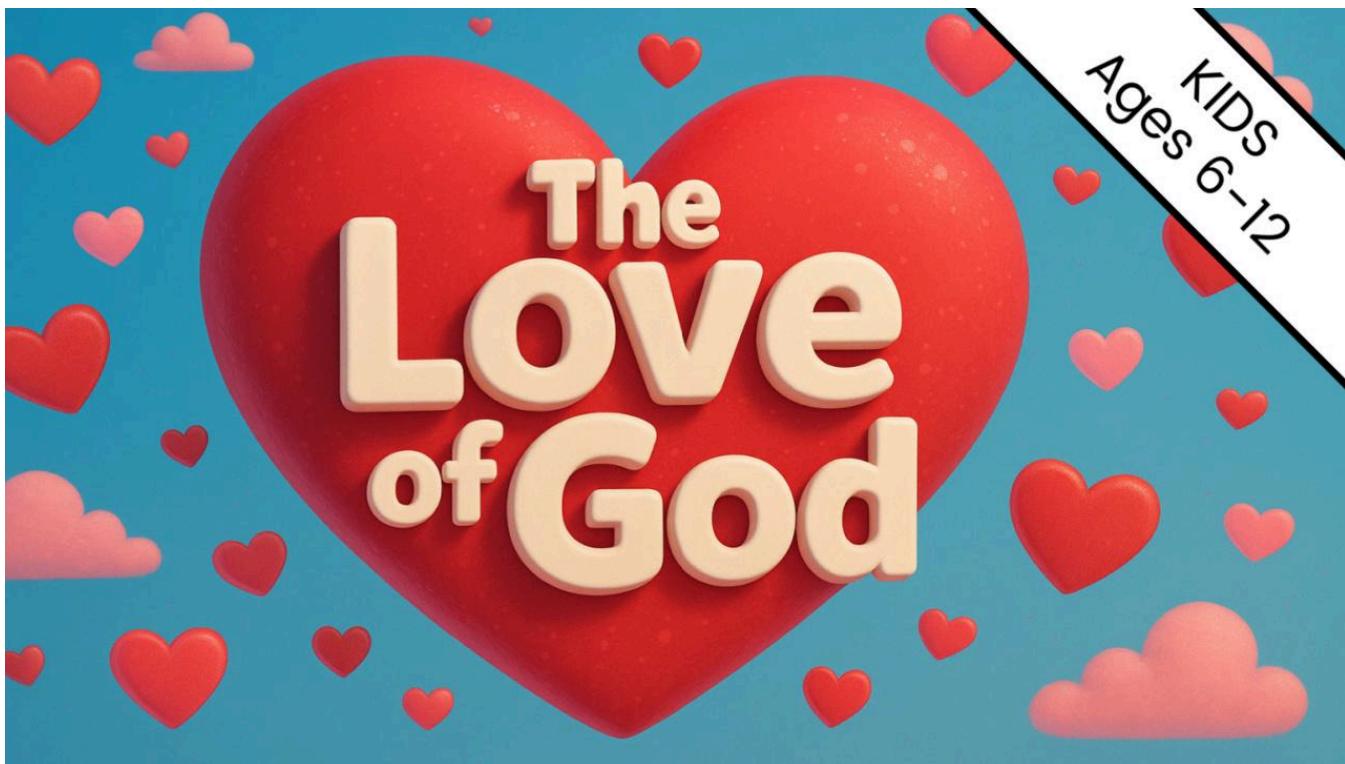
Week 5 – LOVE is for Sharing

- **Bible Story:** The Early Church Shares Everything (Acts 2:42-47)
- **Key Discovery:** God’s love grows stronger when we share it with others through kindness and community.
- **Takeaway:** I can show God’s love by sharing what I have and helping others know about Jesus.



John 3:16 NIV

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Video Bible Stories: Use this link to access recommended Bible story videos and bonus content for this curriculum series. <https://linktr.ee/TheLoveofGodLessons>

Parent Connect: Print extra copies of this overview page to share with the families in your ministry.



Week 1 – Supply List

Group Game – Detective Freeze!

- open play area
- upbeat music track or drum beat

Object Lesson – The Broken Rule

- large paper heart labeled **LOVE** (torn into pieces)
- tape or glue stick

Bible Story Teaching

- Bible
- optional: printed visual (provided below)

Word Search & Coloring Page

- Printed word search handouts (provided below, 1 per child)
- Printed coloring page (provided below, 1 per child)
- Crayons or colored pencils

Craft – Heart Garden Drawing

- white paper (1 per child)
- crayons or washable markers

Introduction Game (5 minutes)

Detective Freeze!

Supplies Needed:

- open play area
- upbeat music track or drum beat for movement timing

TEACHER: Agents, it's time to test our detective reflexes. Today's mission: discover what happens when someone messes up—and how God's love never quits. Even when Adam and Eve disobeyed, God still cared for them.

Setup:

1. Choose one player to start as the Detective (tagger).
2. When the music starts, all other agents move carefully around the room (walk or light jog).
3. When the Detective tags a player, that player freezes—they've been "caught" making a mistake.
4. Another free agent can "forgive" the frozen player by gently tagging them while saying, "God still loves you!"
5. Once tagged, the frozen player returns to the game and may help rescue others.
6. Switch Detectives every few minutes so everyone gets a turn.

Debrief: Agents, today you learned our first clue: Even when I mess up, God still loves me. God's love never freezes—it always forgives.

Object Lesson (5 minutes)

The Broken Rule

Supplies needed:

- 1 large paper heart labeled "LOVE"
- 1 marker
- tape or glue

TEACHER: God created Adam and Eve because He wanted to love them and be close to them. Everything was perfect in the beginning! Let's pretend this heart shows our perfect relationship with God.

Hold up the paper heart.

"But then Adam and Eve chose to disobey God's one rule. They ate the fruit He said not to eat. When they sinned, it broke their relationship with God."

Slowly tear the heart into two pieces.

Sin always separates us from God. It hurts our friendship with Him. But here's the amazing part—God didn't stop loving Adam and Eve. His love is patient! He already had a plan to fix what was broken.

Use tape or glue to put the heart back together.

God's love is long-suffering—it means He keeps loving us even when we mess up. That's why He sent Jesus to bring our hearts back together with His.

Bible Story (15 minutes)

God's Love is (L) Long-Suffering (Genesis 3)

TEACHER: Agents, our mission today takes us to the very first mystery in the Bible—The Case of the Missing Trust. God gave Adam and Eve everything they needed, but something went wrong in the Garden. Let's find the clue that shows God's love never quits.

Genesis 3 tells how sin first entered the world. Even when Adam and Eve disobeyed, God didn't abandon them. He called to them, cared for them, and promised a Savior. That's long-suffering love—love that keeps going even when it hurts.

READ (NIV): Genesis 2:15–17 *"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.""*

God gave Adam and Eve freedom and one clear rule—so they could trust Him and choose love.

READ (NIV): Genesis 3:1–4 *"Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree... or you will die.'" "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman."*

The serpent twisted God's words. When we stop trusting what God says, trouble starts.

READ (NIV): Genesis 3:6 *"When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it."*

Adam and Eve chose to disobey. Sin entered the world—and suddenly, they felt shame and fear. It was like the heart of love between them and God was torn.

READ (NIV): Genesis 3:8–9 *"Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees. But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"*

Even after they sinned, God didn't stay away—He *came looking for them*. That's our big clue today! God's love doesn't give up; He searches for His children.

READ (NIV): Genesis 3:21 *"The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them."*

God provided clothes to cover their shame and promised one day to send a Savior who would defeat sin forever. Even when they messed up, God still cared for them.

Summary: God's love is **long-suffering**—it lasts even when we fail. Adam and Eve disobeyed, but God forgave, protected, and promised hope.

Say together: Even when I mess up, God still loves me and wants to forgive me.

GOSPEL CONNECTION: From the very beginning, God planned to send Jesus to fix what sin broke. On the cross, Jesus took our punishment and showed the deepest kind of love—patient, forgiving, forever. When we trust Him, He cleans our hearts and makes us new detectives of His love.





Discussion Questions & Prayer (5-10 minutes)

TEACHER: Agents, today we uncovered our first big clue: Even when I mess up, God still loves me and wants to forgive me. God's love doesn't stop when we fail—it waits patiently for us to turn back to Him.

Discussion Questions:

1. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, what did He do instead of walking away?
2. What does "long-suffering" mean in your own words? (Hint: patient love that doesn't quit.)
3. How can you show patient love to someone this week the way God shows it to you?

PRAYER: God, thank You for loving us even when we disobey You. Your love is patient and kind. Help us remember that You never give up on us. When we mess up, remind us to come to You for forgiveness. And teach us to show that same patient love to others.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

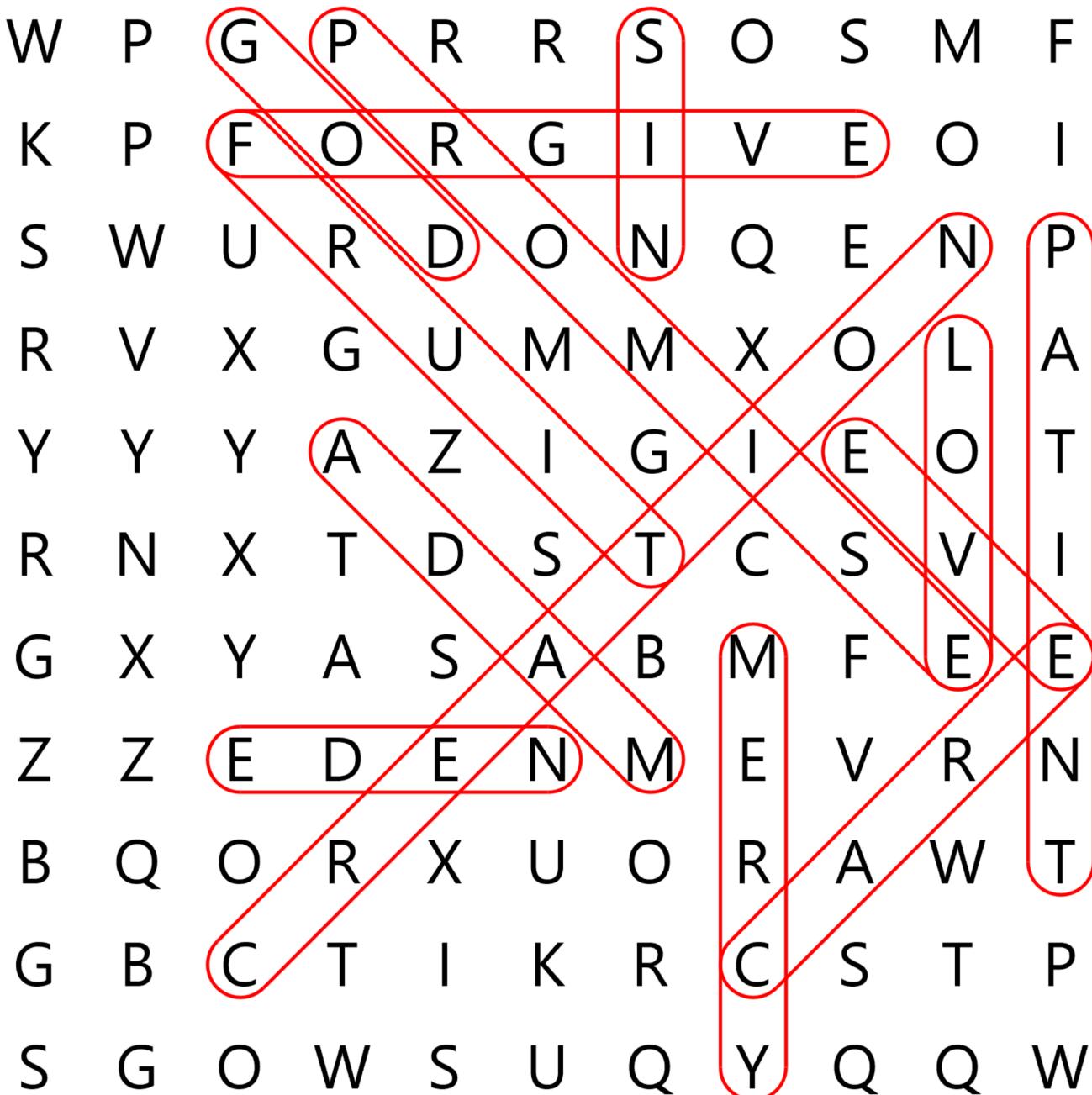
Word Search Puzzle

ADAM – CARE – CREATION – EDEN – EVE – FORGIVE – FRUIT

GOD – LOVE – MERCY – PATIENT – PROMISE – SIN

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Word Search Answers



Craft Activity (5-10 minutes)

Supplies Needed:

- plain white paper (1 per child)
- crayons or washable markers

TEACHER: Agents, today's craft clue shows how God's love keeps growing—even after we mess up.

1. Give each child a blank paper and crayons.
2. Say: "Draw a big tree in your garden—its branches can hold hearts instead of fruit."
3. Around the tree, add flowers, grass, sunshine, and a few tiny hearts on the ground.
4. On each heart, write or draw something that shows God's love: *forgives me, listens, helps me, never quits.*
5. Across the top, have them write: Even when I mess up, God still loves me.
6. When finished, invite kids to hold up their drawings and say together: "Case closed—God's love grows even after mistakes!"

Debrief: God's love never stops growing. He keeps caring for us, forgiving us, and helping us try again—because His love is *long-suffering*.

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