

Parenting with PURPOSE

MISSION DISCOVERY OF GRACE



Unit 4.1: Discovery of Love

We discover God's love when we learn to love others like He loves us.

Memory Verse: Galatians 5:14

Lesson Objectives:

- WHEN WE DISCOVER GOD'S GRACE, WE ALSO DISCOVER HIS LOVE. Recognize God's amazing love for us.
- GOD WANTS TO DISCOVER LOVE. Allow the Holy Spirit to help them discover how to love others.
- GOD WANTS US TO LOVE OTHERS LIKE OURSELVES. Ask God to help them love others this week.



Talk about it:

3rd & 4th Graders

- How has God shown His love to you?
- Who is a neighbor in your life that God wants you to show love to?
- What are three practical ways you can show love to someone else this week?

5th & 6th Graders

- When you love other people, what kind of impact will that have on the people you love and on the people who see you love?
- What kinds of things keep you from loving other people well?
- Read Matthew 5:43-44. What does it look like to love your enemies?

Encouragement for you:

Our society often equates love with how we feel about someone. But love is not just a feeling or emotion; love is often a choice we make to do something despite our feelings. In our humanness, loving others can be difficult. As you depend on God's perfect love, He will help you love others. Remember, the God of the universe loved you so much that He sent His Son to die on the cross for you. That is the best example of sacrificial and intentional love. How can you bear the fruit of love more intentionally this week?

T&T Announcements

Here's a "Love People" challenge this week - color some of the attached bookmarks and send to some of your friends or loved ones along with a note of encouragement! This can be used for the Awana GO activity on page 7 of your handbook.

Family Activity: Easy to Love

What You'll Need:

Sticky notes or piece of paper, pen or pencil

STEP 1: Give each person a sticky note or piece of paper. Ask them to write the name of a family member whom they think is easy to love.

STEP 2: After a few moments, ask the following questions:

- Why do you think that person is easy to love?
- What could you do this week to show that person you love them?
- How do you think that person would respond to your act of love?

STEP 3: Share these key concepts:

- Some people seem easy to love because they are kind and loving. It is natural for us to want to love them in return.
- When people are mean or treat us poorly, it is hard to want to love them.
- God wants us to love others—no matter who they are or how they treat us—like we love ourselves.
- The first step to becoming like Jesus is discovering God's amazing love.
- God doesn't just love people; God IS love!
- God demonstrated His love in a big way by sending Jesus to die on the cross to pay the punishment for sin (Romans 5:8).
- God's commands can be summed up into one word: love.

STEP 4: Pray, asking the Holy Spirit to help you and your kids understand the importance that God wants us to discover love.