

## ATTRIBUTE 2: GOD'S LOVE

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. – John 3:16 (KJV)*

### **Scripture Readings**

1. What word does Jeremiah 31:3 use to describe God's love?

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2. Read Hosea 3. How would you characterize Hosea's love for his wife depicted in this chapter?

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3. Luke 10:25-37 tells Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan. How does the Good Samaritan care for a total stranger compare with our usual mental image of what "love" looks like?

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4. What does Jesus describe as the hallmarks of Christian love in John 13:34-35 and John 15:13?

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5. What does Romans 5:8 tell us about our ability or need to earn God's love?

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6. Read Romans 8:28-39 and list what it says about God's love for us.

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7. How does 1 Peter 4:8 relate to our earlier reading in Hosea?

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*Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.*

– 1 John 3:18

### **Discussion Questions**

1. The Bible depicts love that is selfless and sacrificial. What are examples of ways we can exhibit that kind of love with our children?

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2. Do you ever find yourself withholding affection from your children until they behave a certain way? What message does that send about your love for them?

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3. How important is it to tell your children you love them?

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4. Think of habits you could cultivate to model God's love for your children.

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5. The previous page quotes 1 John 3:18. Does that mean words and feelings are unimportant when expressing our love for others?

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6. If you could pick one thing to start doing (or do more of) to demonstrate your love for your children, what would it be?

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