

READ 1 JOHN 4:19–21


Have you ever thought about how silly it is that some people turn up their noses at the thought of a tomato, but can eat ketchup by the spoonful—even though the main ingredient in ketchup is a tomato?! But it doesn't work that way when it comes to love. God says that you can't love Him and yet hate a person who is made in His image.

The interesting thing about food, though, is that if you eat enough ketchup or salsa, you might actually grow to like tomatoes too. Name a food that you like and then list what it's made of—star the ones you think you could grow to like and eat all by themselves someday.

It may not always be easy to love some people, but since God loved us first, He expects us to love everyone. And when we truly love God, it becomes easier to love those He made!

THANK God for loving you first!

MY FAVORITE FOOD:



READ 1 JOHN 4:7

Have you ever heard of a baby who started to speak in a different language from his parents or care givers? No; because when babies start to speak, they speak the same language they hear—the language of their parents.

Did you know that God speaks in the language of love? Everything He says, everything He does, it all is done in love. Since we are made by God and He speaks in love to us, it should be only natural that we speak the same language!

Match the word for "love" below with the language it belongs to:

AMOR	ENGLISH
LOVE	DANISH
AMORE	INDONESIAN
AMOUR	ITALIAN
SAYANG	FRENCH
KÆRLIGHED	SPANISH

ASK God to help you become fluent in HIS language.

READ JOHN 14:15

God says if we love Him, we'll obey Him. And He gave us two commands that He says are most important. One is to love Him with all our hearts. Do you know what the second one is?

When we choose to love God and love others, it creates one big circle of love, doesn't it? Fill in the blanks below to see how loving God and loving others is all tied together.

LOOK for ways to love others this week.



Answers: obey, love, Love your neighbor as yourself.

READ JAMES 1:27

Why do you think God places so much importance on taking care of widows and orphans? It's probably because they are in need and they don't usually have the ability to pay you back when you help them out. Even if you don't know any widows or orphans, there is probably someone in your life who needs help and will never be able to repay you. Who is that person and how can you help them?

This week, try your best to do what you wrote above. And when you do, you'll be showing God how much you love Him!

KNOW that serving those who can't serve you back is one of the best ways you can love God!