

# COMPASSION

Caring enough to do something  
about someone else's need



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## READ 1 JOHN 4:7

DAY 1

Where does love come from? That's right. This verse says that love comes from God. In fact, you only know how to love because God first loved you. Before your mom or dad, before your grandparents or siblings and before your best friend, God loved you first.

This month, we're talking about compassion—caring enough to do something about someone else's need. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, God's greatest gift to us, we'll learn how God showed us his love in a very real way. God's love isn't based on what you do or don't do. He loves you no matter what! You don't have to earn it. You don't have to perform or act a certain way to receive it. God simply loves you because he chooses to.

Find a piece of construction paper or poster board and cut it in half lengthwise. Take one of the pieces, fold it in half and then fold it in half again to create four sections. In the first section, draw a heart. Underneath the heart, write today's verse. Hold on to this page to add to it this week.

**THANK** God for choosing to love you first, just because.

## READ 1 JOHN 4:9

DAY 2

God loves you. And because of God's love for us, he gave. Over 2,000 years ago, God sent Jesus into the world as a baby. That little baby grew up, like you are growing up. He taught others about God and he lived a completely perfect, sinless life. And at the end of his time on earth, he willingly chose to die on the cross to pay the price for your sin.

Because God chose to send Jesus to the world that first Christmas, our sin no longer separates us from God when we choose to believe in Him. Isn't that amazing? God loved us first so we could show His love to others too.

Grab your picture from yesterday. Draw a cross to show what Jesus did for us in the second section. When finished, draw an arrow from the heart in section one to the cross in section two. Underneath the cross, write today's verse.

**THANK** God for showing you compassion.

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## READ 1 JOHN 4:10

## DAY 3

God's love for us was proven in one amazing act—sending his only son to rescue us. Did you know you needed to be rescued? It's true. The wrong things that we do separate us from a holy and perfect God. But because God **LOVES** us, he gave us Jesus. Jesus took the punishment for our sin to rescue us so that we can choose to have a relationship with God and be with him forever in heaven one day.

In the third panel of your page from this week, draw a stick figure and decorate it to look like you! Write today's verse underneath your self-portrait. Then draw an arrow from the cross in the second section to the stick figure in the third. God sent Jesus to the earth to pay the price for **YOUR** sin. Pretty awesome right?

**LOOK** for ways to show God's love to others this week.



## READ 1 JOHN 4:11

## DAY 4

When Jesus was born all those years ago, the people who witnessed his birth had **NO** idea that one day this little baby would grow up and give his own life to save them. But God did. It was his plan all along to show compassion to a dark, sinful world by sacrificing his own son. That's what real love is.

Loving others in a compassionate way usually requires some sacrifice. We may need to give up some of our time to help someone. We might let go of some of our things to give them to others in need. We may even share our food with someone who's hungry.

God had compassion for us. And because God did that, we can show compassion to others. And when we do that, it can point others back to God. God loved you first. How will you love others?

In the fourth panel, draw several stick figures and then write today's verse underneath them. The stick figures you've drawn represent all the people you should show love to. Now draw an arrow from the third panel to the fourth.

**KNOW** that God loved you first so you can show love to others.