



# Choosing to treat others the way you want to be treated

WEEK ONE  
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## READ JOHN 15:12-13

## DAY 1

Do you know what's special about our verse today? These words were actually spoken by Jesus. So what is Jesus "commanding" you to do here? Write your answer on the line below.

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That's what this month is all about—LOVE! Love is treating others the way you want to be treated. If you want to build strong relationships with others, you have to love them like Jesus loves you. Jesus gave His life for you. And because you are deeply loved, Jesus is asking you to share His love with the people around you.

When you want to be first, when you think something isn't fair, when you think that your way is the best way, remember, Jesus tells us to love others as He loves us. You can love others because Jesus loves you.

**THANK** God for sending Jesus to prove His great love for you.

## READ 1 JOHN 3:16

## DAY 2

This week, we're learning about how to love others because Jesus loves us. One of the SUPER awesome things about Jesus is that He's not asking us to do something He wasn't willing to do Himself too. Jesus died on the cross to pay the price for our sin—the stuff we do that's wrong—so that we could be forgiven. He didn't just "say" He loved us, He showed it!

Check out the second part of this verse. What do you think it means to "give our lives for our brothers and sisters"? Write your answer below.

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**ASK** God to help you "give your life" for your friends by loving like Jesus does.





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### READ JOHN 13:35

DAY 3

Gather two or three people in your family and some paper. Ask everyone to remove their shoes and quickly trace their footprints—both the left and right foot. Make sure you trace yours too. When finished, cut them out and lay them out on the floor. Can you identify each person's footprints? Whose footprint is the biggest? Whose is the smallest?

When you walk through mud, or snow, or something wet, you leave a footprint behind. People know where you've been by the footprints you leave behind. Love works same way. When you love others, it's like leaving a footprint behind that says, "Your Name was here. We know she loves Jesus because of the way she loves the people around her."

So the question to ask yourself is, when you leave a room, do you leave behind an impression of love? Do the people around you know that you are a Jesus follower by how you love others?

**LOOK** for opportunities to prove you are a Jesus follower by loving others.

### READ JOHN 1:29

DAY 4

What are some things you have to do that aren't any fun? Going to bed early on a school night. Studying for a spelling test. Getting a cavity filled at the dentist.

Write down three more things that you think are "no fun" in the space below.

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We can all think of things in our lives that are "no fun." Sometime these things are hard. Sometimes they're painful. Jesus knows all about that because He faced the hardest thing. He went all the way to the cross. Jesus suffered and died so that our sins could be forgiven. That's 1,000 times worse than any math test or extra long football practice. That's how much He LOVES you. He was willing to lay down His life, so that you could have a relationship with God. That's why you can love others—because Jesus loves YOU!

**KNOW** that you can love because Jesus loved you first.



**LOVE OTHERS  
BECAUSE JESUS  
LOVES YOU.**