

LOVE DOES: *for kids*

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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES FOR
A FAMILY BOOK STUDY ►

SESSION THREE:

Chapter 18: "Everybody's In"

Begin your family time by creating a sacred space. Then as a family take a moment to read "Everybody In." Read 1 John 4:7-12 in your Bible. After some conversation with one another pray with one another. As you end your time together, bless one another, "You are blessed to be a blessing."

HEAR THE STORY

Grab your Spark Bible and read 1 John 4:7-12. Read verse 7 again. "Dear friend, let's love each other, because love is from God, and everyone who loves is born from God and knows God." Who are we told to love? (Everyone!) Why should we love everyone? (Because God is love).

We can all share God's love. We can love one another, those that are like us, and those who are different, because God is Love!

TALK ABOUT THE STORY

1 John comes from a group of letters written by John, one of Jesus's disciples. In this scripture we learn that God is love. We can not see God but we know God is with us, when we love one another. God showed us his love for us most clearly in Jesus.

- What does John tell us to do?
- Why is it important that we love each other?
- Why does loving each other show that we know God?
- How do we know that God is love?

Worship with this song to celebrate sharing God's love! [listen here ►](#)

"EVERYBODY'S IN"

Use some of the following questions during your sacred family time, or at dinner to begin conversations.

- What do you think about Bob's story about having a parade, where everyone was in?
- Tell about a time that you invited someone to join in? What happened?
- How did you experience God's Love when you let others join in?
- What are ways that you can share and spread God's love?

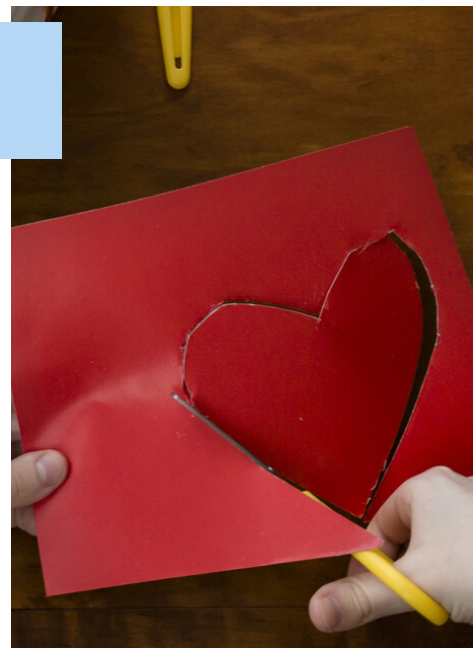


DISCUSS: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

There are many ways to show love to a neighbor -and "neighbor" can include anyone you meet, not just the person who lives next door to you! Explore our list of random acts of kindness that your kids can use to surprise and delight others. You could even use this list as a checklist and make it your family's mission to tick off as many neighborly acts of kindness as you can over the course of a month (or more) — what a fulfilling challenge that would be! [learn more >](#)

CREATE: "YOU ARE LOVED!" CARE PACKAGE

Spread the LOVE in your neighborhood! To create a neighborhood LOVE cascade, simply print the signs, make a small gift or treat -attaching the sign and instructions to it- then secretly deliver your care package on neighbor's doorsteps and watch the love spread! The neighbor will enjoy the treats, post the "We've Been Loved" sign on their door or a front window so other neighbors will know they were already loved - and then creates two LOVE packages with treats, signs, and instructions to deliver to other neighbors - which creates a cascade of LOVE in your very own neighborhood! [learn more >](#)



MAKE: LOVE ROCKS!

Paint rocks with a message of love. It can be as simple as "God loves you!" and place them around your community to encourage someone. You could place them in parks, around water fountains, on the ground near a mailbox...

CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION

READ:

chapter 2: Room for Rent

DISCUSS:

How have you experienced love from others? What are some small acts of kindness others have done for you, to show love?

READ:

chapter 9: Unicycle

DISCUSS:

What are some ways that you can "go big" and show love to others? Brainstorm some ideas and then choose one of those things and do it!

Learn more about these activities: [Love Does: for kids >](#)