

LOVING GOD

Memory Verse

Deuteronomy 6:5

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all you strength.

Central Thought

God wants us to love Him with everything we have.

Bible Story

Exodus 1-14 Moses Leads the Israelites out of Egypt

OBJECT LESSON

Materials: 1 bag; various objects such as a picture of family, a comb, ad for Papa John's Pizza, a radio, etc.; a couple of items that are beat up and broken, dirty and dusty; a Bible covered in dust

Discuss the concept that:

- When we love something, we take care of it.
- When we love something, we clean it.
- When we love something, we spend time with it.

Just like we take care of things that we love, we should also do the same for God. We enjoy spending time with people we love, so God wants us to show Him how much we love Him by spending time with Him.

GAME

1. Make "I love..." statements, i.e., I love broccoli.
 2. If children love "it" also, they stand up. If not, children remain seated.
- Note: Make statements, at various speeds, i.e., slowly, then quickly, or quietly, loudly.*

We love a lot of things! What does it really mean to love something? What's the difference between just liking something and loving something? What's the difference between loving something and loving someone? How do you treat someone you love? Today, we're going to talk about what it means to love God.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

- I. Love
 - A. We love a lot of things in our life.
 - B. Who are some people we love in our life – parents, sisters/brothers, grandparents, etc.?
 - C. How do we show them we love them?
 - D. How do they show us they love us?

- II. Love God
 - A. God loved the Israelites.
 1. How did God show the Israelites He loved them?
 2. How did the Israelites show God that they loved Him?
 - B. God loves us.
 1. How does He show us He loves us?
 2. How do we show Him we love Him?

- III. Word Connection
 - A. Deuteronomy 6:5
Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength.
 - B. God wants us to love Him with everything we have.
 - C. What are some ways we can show God we love Him?
 1. Prayer
 2. Praise & Worship
 3. Reading Bible
 4. Loving other people
 5. Other ways??

- IV. Personal Application
 - A. Determine to show God how much you love Him, by spending time with Him in prayer and reading your Bible.
 - B. Memorize memory verse and every day remind yourself to love God with everything you have.