



Read 1 John 4:15-16

DAY 1

Have you ever used different colors of Play-Doh® to create something? What happens if the different colors get mixed together? It's almost impossible to separate them!

When you believe in Jesus, you become a part of God's family forever! You are "joined" to God just like those two colors of play dough. Nothing can separate you from God and His love. You can depend on His love, always.

We should love God with everything we've got because of the way He loves us!

Grab two different colors of Play-Doh. Pinch off a little of both colors and roll them up together. Now form that play dough into a heart. Poke a small hole in the top of the heart and leave it out on a plate until it hardens. Then run some string through the hole. As you select a place to hang it up, tell God how much you love Him. Thank Him for sending Jesus so you can have a relationship and be joined to Him, forever.

Read 1 John 4:12

DAY 2

Wouldn't it be so awesome if we could see God face to face? If we could walk and talk with Him like Adam and Eve did in the garden?

Did you know that God has made a way for the people around us to know Him even though we can't see Him with our eyes? Did you know that way is through you? When you put your faith in Jesus, God is in you. And when you choose to love the people around you just as God has loved you, you point other people to God. In other words, the way you love helps others see God!

Finish the sentences below, remembering that loving God with everything you've got points other people to Him:

I will love my sister/brother/friend by _____.

I will love a friend in my class by _____.

I will love the kid that bugs me by _____.

Pick one of these completed statements above as you pray today. First, thank God for loving you and for showing you how to love. Then, ask God to help you show love this week, even when it's hard, so that others can know His love too.

Read Mark 12:30

DAY 3

What does the word “all” mean? All means everything! We are to love God completely, totally, wholly, entirely. Jesus said to love God, not with just part of our heart or soul, or mind or strength, but with everything we’ve got. Nothing else should compete with our love for God.

Find a piece of paper. Fold it in half and in half again. Open the page back up to reveal four sections. Inside each section, draw the following four symbols and write the word it represents to the things listed in today’s verse:

- HEART – Draw a heart.**
- SOUL – Draw a cross.**
- MIND – Draw a light bulb.**
- STRENGTH – Draw a fist.**

As you look over your page, tell Him three things you love about Him! Then, thank God for loving you and for sending Jesus.

Read 1 John 5:3

DAY 4

How do we show God we love Him? By obeying His commands. When you obey your parents, you are showing that you respect and trust them. It’s the same way with God. When we read His word and follow what it says, we are loving God with everything we’ve got.

What do you think the last part of this verse means, the part that reads “and his commands are not hard to obey?” That might seem a little bit confusing. Think about a mom taking care of her newborn baby. Is taking care of that helpless baby easy? Not always. When you’re completely responsible for feeding and clothing and protecting a newborn baby, it can be exhausting. But a new mom wants to take care of her baby because of her love for him or her! The same is true for us when it comes to following God. We follow God because we love Him. And when we do, we’re showing that we believe His way is the best way.

Think about one of God’s commands that’s hard to follow. Ask God to help you follow Him in obedience as a way to love Him with everything you’ve got.



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