

Make Waves: What you do today can change the world around you.

DAY 1

Read Galatians 5:22-23a

All summer long, we'll take a look at how we can make waves and change the world around us. Specifically, we'll look at how we can show love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control! Whew, that's a lot!

The good news is God doesn't expect us to make waves of change on our own! We have the Holy Spirit to help us! That's what today's verse is all about. When we have a relationship with Jesus, the Holy Spirit will produce all these good things in us.

We can love because God loved us.



Make a Wave

1. Grab a piece of paper.
2. Draw a cool wave across the bottom.
3. Inside the wave, right at the crest, write the word "LOVE" in big bubble letters.

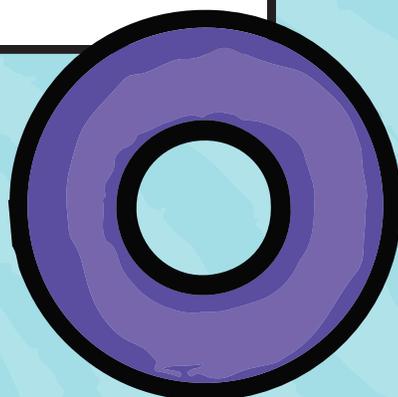
DAY 2

Read 1 John 4:9

We like to use the word "love" to talk about all kinds of things. You might say, "I love pizza" or "I love geckos." But loving pizza and loving your sibling are two very different things. And saying you love is very different than showing you love.

Thankfully, God is in the showing love business. God showed love in one really big way: by sending Jesus. Jesus came to make a way for us to have a relationship with God forever. And because God loves you, you can share that love with others!

Who needs love in your world? Think of someone and then brainstorm one or two ways you could show love to that person. Remember, **we love others because God loves us.**



DAY 3

Read 1 John 4:10

Ask an adult to help you go to www.Dictionary.com to look up the silly sounding words below. Then draw a line to match each word to its definition.

Silly Sounding Words and their Definitions:

Everywhen	an umbrella
Erf	a large hook
Bumbershoot	a person learning the alphabet
Cleek	a person who steals books
Abecedarian	something that whirls or revolves
Biblioklept	a plot of land
Whiligig	all the time

Our verse today defines love and tells us exactly where it comes from. God looked down on the world and saw a big problem that needed to be fixed. Our sin, the wrong things we do, gets in the way of our relationship with God. Because God loves us, He sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sin so that we could have a relationship with God, forever.

When we understand God's great big love for us, we can turn around and share that love with others. **We can make waves by loving the people around us!**

DAY 4

Read 1 John 4:11-12

When the kid from down the street keeps cheating to win, do you want to keep playing?

When your sister keeps hogging the remote, do you want to hand it over once it's finally in your hand?

It's hard to keep playing with a cheater or to keep sharing with a sister who doesn't do what you want to do. But the truth is, you can't control their behavior. The only person you can control is you. You have a choice to love.

Loving others is easier when you remember that you are loved. **God's love for you is unconditional.** So, the next time someone is bugging you, stop and choose to show love. Not because of anything they have done but because of God's big love for you.

Love others because
God loves you.