

New lesson plans each Sunday

GRACE UNITED METHODIST VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Spiritual Practice



Jesus tells us again that God's love is for everyone... even those who are hard to love.

Think of a person who has hurt you. maybe someone that has been mean to a friend or is just grouchy. Close your eyes and say a prayer of thanksgiving for him or her. Prayer for her or him to feel God's love.

As you go through the week and meet people who are not nice to you, say a silent prayer for them. Make God happy.



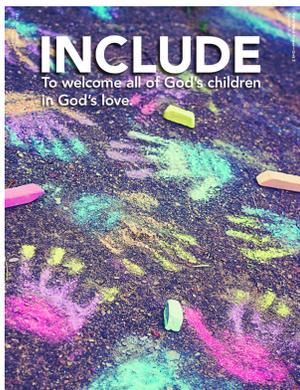
In today's Scripture, Jesus is preaching the part of the Sermon on the Mount where he asks us to love our enemies. Who is an enemy? Is an enemy someone we hate? Is hate the opposite of love?

Jesus' words "You must love your neighbor and hate your enemy" originally came from the Book of Leviticus. Jesus knew the Hebrew Scripture well and was calling for love and wholeness. He shared that there is nothing but love.

This passage says that everyone is a child of God and that it is important to see that in all people.

This does not mean we have to allow others to treat us badly. However, sometimes to love means setting boundaries. We can see that God is love and that we should do our best to be an example of that love. This means standing up for a friend or talking to an adult when being bullied. Remember that love can be a reminder that we are included. We all are loved.

Faith Word



Wonder Question

How can you show love to your enemies?



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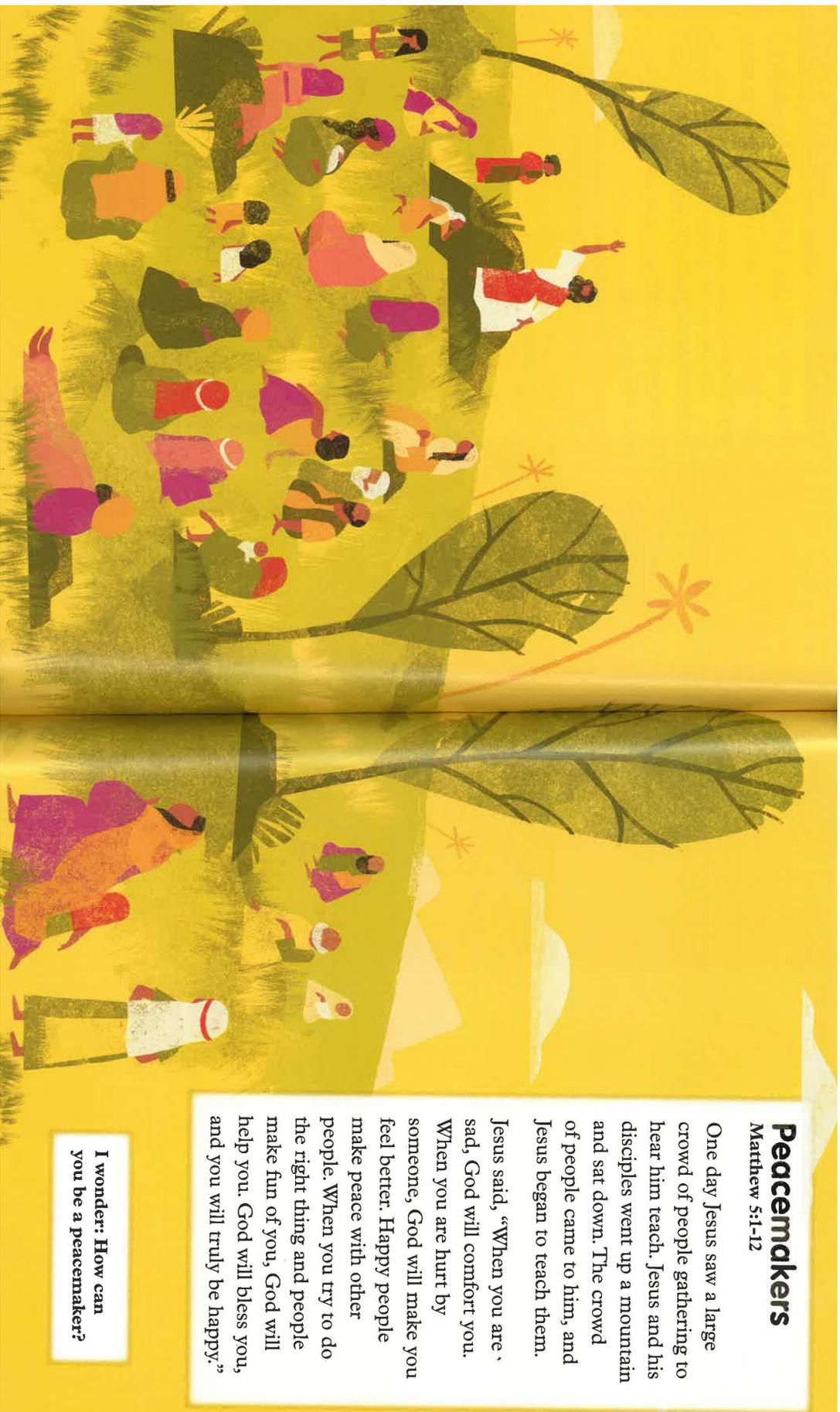


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Although we can't gather together we can still gather with Christ.

We do miss our church family but the church is WHERE WE ARE!

Follow along in our Bible Story time then roll your wonder cube to answer questions with your family.



Peacemakers

Matthew 5:1-12

One day Jesus saw a large crowd of people gathering to hear him teach. Jesus and his disciples went up a mountain and sat down. The crowd of people came to him, and Jesus began to teach them.

Jesus said, "When you are sad, God will comfort you. When you are hurt by someone, God will make you feel better. Happy people make peace with other people. When you try to do the right thing and people make fun of you, God will help you. God will bless you, and you will truly be happy."

I wonder: How can you be a peacemaker?

What Would a Neighbor Do?

I have baked
a lot cookies.
What would
a neighbor do?

My friend is
being picked on.
What would
a neighbor do?

My brother is having a hard
time with his homework.
What would
a neighbor do?

There is a
new kid at school.
What would
a neighbor do?

There is no one to give out
the bulletins at church.
What would
a neighbor do?

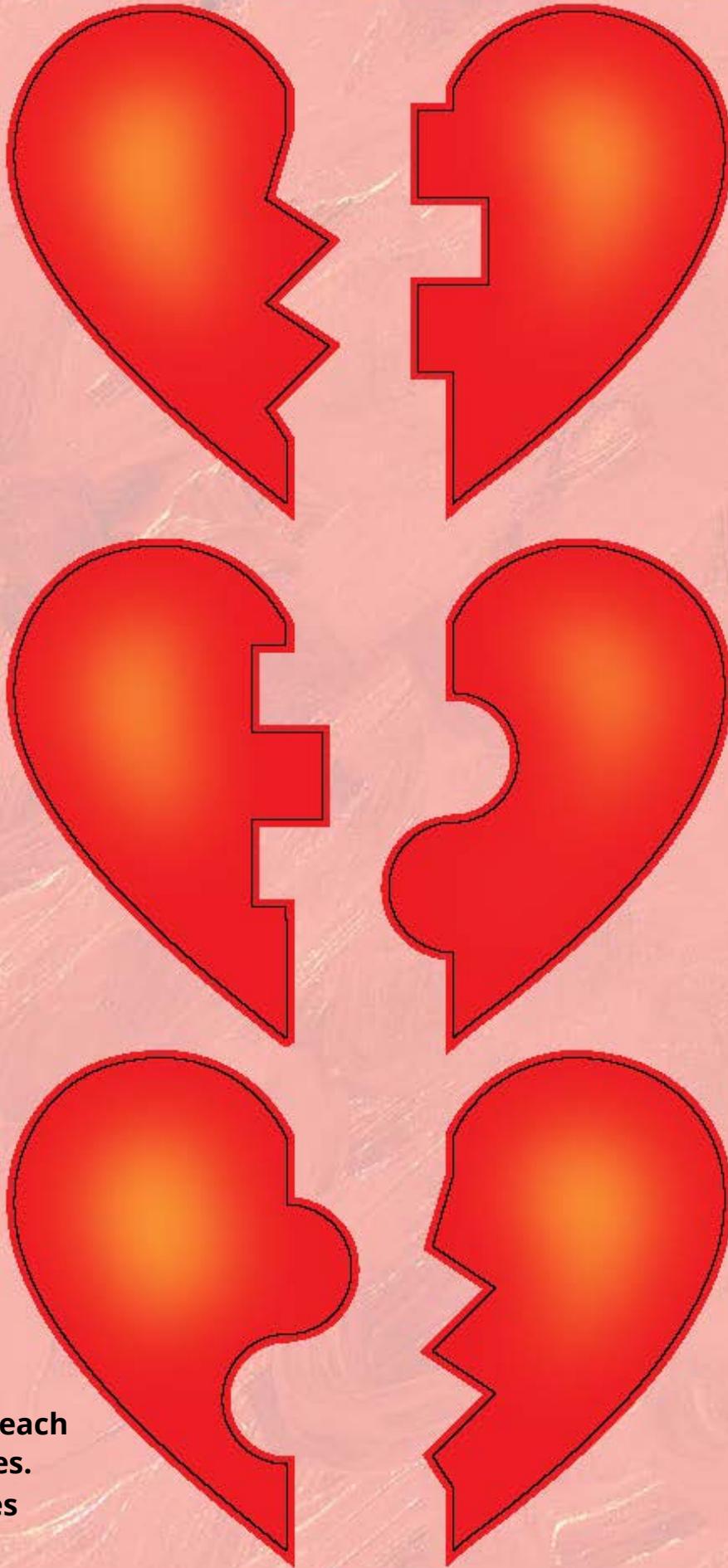
Someone left trash outside.
What would
a neighbor do?

I noticed someone
did not have a coat.
What would
a neighbor do?

My friend is sad today.
What would
a neighbor do?

Showing Love

Loving Hearts



Instructions:

1. Carefully cut out each of the heart pieces.
2. Match the pieces together.

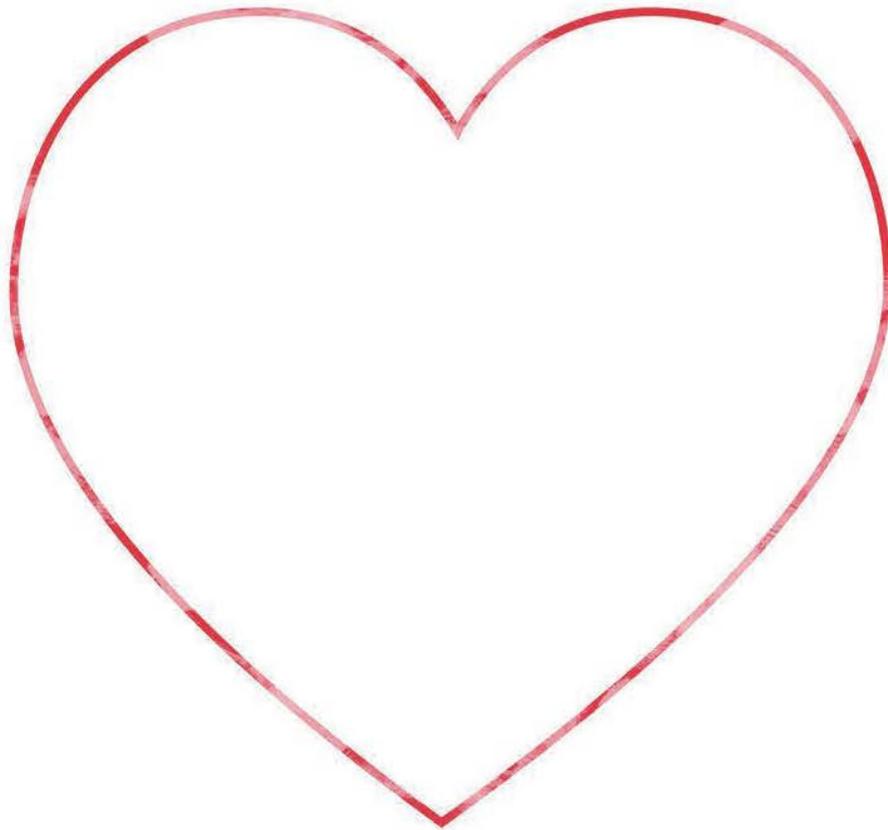
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How My Heart Feels

Using a variety of colors and images, draw inside the heart the different ways you show and feel love. On the lines above and below the heart, write what your pictures represent.





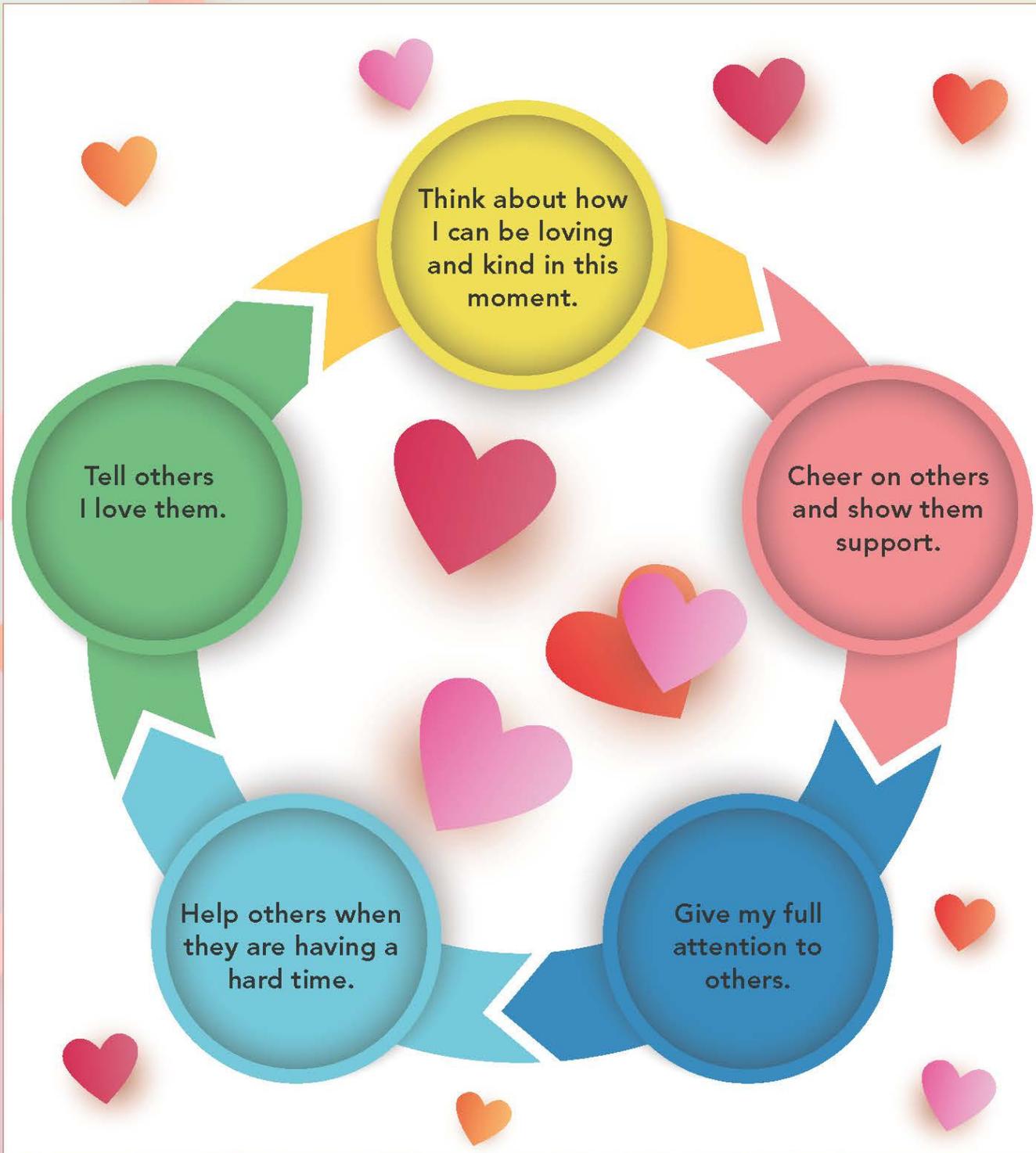




Showing Love

Kindness and Love

Did you know that our feelings, actions, and responses have an effect on those around us? In the Bible story, Jesus teaches that we should love everyone. This is HARD to do! Here is chart to help you think about several ways you can be kind and loving.



Showing Love

How Can You Show Love?

Instructions

Write in each heart a different way to show love for others.



Showing Love

Wondering About Love

Instructions

Our Scripture story tells us that loving those who have been unkind to us is sometimes a difficult thing to do. Complete the maze as you think about ways to love in difficult situations.



AT HOME WEEKLY CHILDRENS MINISTRY

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Praying with Actions

So, how do we love our enemies? How do we teach our kids that this is something we must do, especially living in such tumultuous times?

For starters, we have to separate ourselves from the idea that the love Jesus spoke about is based on a "feeling". It isn't. Unlike romantic love, which makes it easy for us to overlook faults and put the other person first, Jesus is asking us to make the DECISION to choose to love.

Love becomes an action instead of a feeling. Nobody is saying this kind of love is easy. This love totally goes against our sinful nature! While we are trying to step into the gap and pray for our enemies, our minds tell us, "I don't want to do this!" But to follow Christ's command, we must push through this very human emotion.

This kind of love in action may not feel right. It may not be instantly rewarding. It certainly won't be easy. Loving our enemies will be very uncomfortable, but it is through this action that the world will see that Christ lives inside of you!



Spiritual Practice for Adults

Have you ever played with a boomerang?

As you probably know, when you throw a boomerang, it goes out and comes back to you. This is kind of like love. When you release love into the world, it comes back to you. Love is contagious. What kind of love do you want to send out and receive?

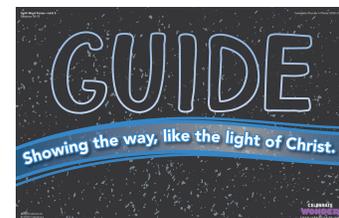
Look online for how to make a paper boomerang. Use a permanent marker and write on the boomerang your definition of love. Place the boomerang somewhere for safekeeping as a reminder of the love you want to give and receive. You could give the boomerang to someone you love.

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Upcoming Unit 3

New materials with our new Faith word will be sent next week for each child. If you would like to receive at home materials please contact our office.



As you make space for God in your home this winter season, Grace will provide you with the resources you need to foster your child's spiritual formation. Each week we provide a children's newsletter with lesson activities from December 2020 - February 2021 to share God's truths with your child at your pace.

February 7

The Lords Prayer
Matthew 6:5-15

February 21

Mary & Martha
Luke 10: 38-42

February 14

Jesus Clams the Storm
Mark 4:35-41

February 28

Zacchaeus
Luke 19:1-10