



Materials Needed:
Bible or Bible App, Mirror,
Paper, ink Pad or Marker

GO DEEPER

MORNING MOMENTS



Read: Zephaniah 3:17, Jeremiah 29:11, Ephesians 2:10
Before you can show God's love to others you need to know how much God loves you. God loves you so much that He made you in His image. That means that God made you like Himself. Let's find a mirror and take a good look at ourselves. What do you see in the mirror? Let's think of things God loves about you. (come up with things that make your child special) God wants everybody to know how much He loves them. **Remember: Following Jesus means showing others God's love.**

CREATIVE CONNECTION



Help your child create a picture with their thumbprints. Roll thumbs on an ink pad, in washable poster paint, or color your thumbs with a washable marker and then press them on the paper. Draw faces, arms, and legs on your thumbprints to create little people. Say as you write on the paper, "I Am 'Thumb'-body Special Made by God!" As you work, talk about things you love about your child that makes them special.

TABLE TIDBITS



Next time you gather together as a family, take turns pointing out what makes you different from your mom, dad, grandparents, or brothers and sisters (for example, you have brown eyes but your brother has blue eyes). Have your child look in a mirror if needed. Then, remind each person that they are special because God made them and has a plan for them!

CUDDLE CLOSE



Pull your child close beside you and say, "God wants us to share His love with others." As you tuck them into bed, sing, "Love One Another" (<https://tinyurl.com/love-one-another>.) Then pray together, pausing after each phrase, to let your child repeat after you: *Dear God, Thank You for making me special! Help me remember how much You love me. Thank You that Your love lasts forever! In Jesus' name, Amen.*

SCRIPTURE	SPECIAL WORDS
<p>LUKE 10:25-37 The Good Samaritan</p>	<p>FOLLOWING JESUS (MARCH IN PLACE) MEANS SHOWING OTHERS (EXTEND HANDS OUT TO SIDES) GOD'S LOVE (POINT UP, THEN HUG SELF)</p>
<p>READ THIS</p>	<p>God showed us His amazing love by sending His Son, Jesus, into the world to die on the cross for our sin. Jesus took away the punishment for all the bad things that we do! And he didn't just do that for you and me - He did this for everyone! Because Jesus took the punishment for all the bad things that we do, we can be Forever Friends with God if we choose to be! This is good news, and God wants us to share it with everyone! He wants us to show His love to everyone. Let's go deeper and learn how we can show God's love to everyone!</p>
<p>MEMORIZE THIS</p>	<p>"Don't copy (<i>shake finger from side to side</i>) the behavior (<i>right hand out to the side</i>) and customs (<i>left hand out to the side</i>) of this world (<i>make a big circle overhead with arms</i>) but let God (<i>point up</i>) transform you into a new person (<i>bring hands all the way from feet up to head</i>) by changing the way you think (<i>make a thinking hand below chin</i>). Then you will learn to know (<i>finger at forehead</i>) God's will for you (<i>point up</i>), which is good (<i>right thumbs up</i>) and pleasing (<i>left thumbs up</i>) and perfect (<i>palms down and out to the sides</i>)."</p> <p>Romans 12:2 (NLT)</p>
<p>IN ACTION</p>	<p>What is one way you can make somebody in your house feel loved and special this week? Start showing God's love to others by doing that one thing.</p>

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youtube.com/blueridgecommunitychurch

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MORNING MOMENTS

Read: Matthew 7:12, Philippians 4:13
Read the following scenarios and have your child give a thumbs-up for happy and a thumbs-down for sad:

- How would you feel if your brother or sister grabbed your toy away from you?
- How would you feel if your friend told you they didn't want to play with you?
- How would you feel if your friend shared their favorite snack with you?

The Bible tells us that we should treat others the way that we want to be treated. If we like it when others are kind, share, and help us, then we need to do the same for them!



CREATIVE CONNECTION

At the top of a piece of paper write, "Helping Hands." Then trace your child's handprints on the paper. Allow your child to color one of the handprints while you copy what they do on the other one. God wants us to treat other people the way we want to be treated. That means copying what we like done for us and doing it for others. Our hands were made for helping, hugs, and high-fives. What are some ways you can think to show love with your hands? **Remember: Following Jesus Means Showing Others God's Love!**



TABLE TIDBITS

Have your child think about one way they can show love to someone in their family today and do it! For example, your child could share a snack, share a toy, help with a chore, or make a card or picture for someone. Talk about how special and loved they would feel if someone did that for them, and remind them that we want to treat others the same way we want to be treated!



CUDDLE CLOSE

Pull your child close beside you and say, "God wants us to share His love with others." As you tuck them into bed, sing, "Love One Another" (<https://tinyurl.com/love-one-another>). Then pray together, pausing after each phrase, to let your child repeat after you: *Dear God, Thank You for being a Good God! Please help me to show love to others. Thank You for being so kind to me. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

Materials Needed:
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Pencil, Markers, Tray, Water

GO DEEPER



MORNING MOMENTS

Read: Matthew 5:43-47, Proverbs 15:1
Have your child make a heart with their hands. What does a heart make you think of? (Love). Who do you love? It can be really easy to love people who we know love us! But what about people who are mean to us? When somebody is mean to us, we may feel angry and want to be mean back. But God's Word tells us that we should show love even to people who are mean to us or don't like us. God loves everybody, and wants us to love everybody too. He wants us to show them His love by being kind to them, even if they aren't kind!



CREATIVE CONNECTION

Take a coffee filter and place it on a plate or tray. Give your child a pencil and have them draw frowny/angry/happy faces on the coffee filter to represent people who are kind and people who are not kind. Then, using washable markers, draw some hearts on the coffee filter to represent God's love. Help your child spray the coffee filters with water from a spray bottle (or drip drops of water if a spray bottle is not available). Watch as the colors from the hearts spread out to all of the faces you drew on the coffee filter. That's what our love should be like. We need to spread it around to everyone, especially those who are hard to love. **Remember: Following Jesus Means Showing Others God's Love!**



TABLE TIDBITS

Go through some role-playing scenarios with your child (you can add your own as well):

- Somebody takes the toy you are playing with. What should you do to show love in how you respond?
- Somebody told you they don't like your shirt. What should you do to show love in how you respond?



CUDDLE CLOSE

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MORNING MOMENTS

Read: Matthew 25:31-46

God's Word tells us that we should show others His love! We show God's love by helping people who need help! Some people need food because they don't have enough and are hungry. Some people need new clothes and don't have money to buy more. Other people just feel sad and need somebody to smile at them, give them a hug, and tell them about Jesus. There are many ways that we can show God's love to others, one way is by helping them with something they need.

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CREATIVE CONNECTION

One way you can take action and show God's love is by donating items to ministries that help people in need. The Agape Center is a local ministry that not only meets people's physical needs, like food and clothing, but they also share about Jesus. Take some time and read more about the Agape Center and the items they are accepting go to <https://www.agapelyh.org/>. Then, as a family look around your house and pray together. Is there anything that God may want you to share with others? Gather up some items and drop them by the Agape Center any Friday between 9am-2pm. This is just one of many ways you can take action to show God's love to others!



TABLE TIDBITS

Help your child imagine what it would be like to go without something as simple as shoes. Have your child go outside barefoot with you and walk around on different surfaces (grass, gravel, dirt, puddles, etc.). Ask your child what it felt like to walk barefoot on these surfaces. Ask how your child would feel if they didn't have any shoes and had to walk barefoot everywhere. Talk about how there are so many people who need things like shoes, clothes, or food, and that we can show God's love to others by taking care of their needs!



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MORNING MOMENTS

Read: Luke 10:25-37

Pretend to fall down on the floor and ask your child for help getting up. After your child helps you, say, "Wow! That was so kind of you to help me up!" In our Bible story today, a man was walking down the road and he got hurt! Two people walking by saw the man, but didn't help him! The third man who walked by did stop and take care of the man. He even brought the man to an inn and paid for him to stay there until he felt better! The man wasn't his friend or even from the same country! God wants us to show love to others, even people who we don't know or aren't friends with! **Remember: Following Jesus Means Showing Others God's Love!**



CREATIVE CONNECTION

Cut long strips of paper about 1" wide. Help your preschooler to think of names of neighbors and friends to list. As you think of names, write the name of each one on a strip of construction paper, then encourage your child to color a picture of each neighbor on the strip. Begin to loop a link, then interlink the next chain loop. Use this to show your preschooler when Jesus said to love your neighbor, that meant more than just the people living beside you.



TABLE TIDBITS

Have your child choose a link from the chain made in the "Creative Connection." Have your child come up with some special ways they can show that person God's love (drawing a picture for them, making a card, bringing a meal, calling them, etc.). Pray with your child and ask God to show you ways to love others.



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