



PHUMC Sunday School lessons for Preschool – 5th grade.

May 30, 2021 – Love in Action (Romans 12:9-18)

Prepare to Wonder

Faith Word: Love

Romans 12 is a litany of what love should be. Paul said, “Don’t hesitate to be enthusiastic – be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord!” (Romans 12:11). What a tall order Paul set for us. “Love each other like the members of your family” (Romans 12:10a). Some of us may come from families that we find hard to love; what do we do then?

Paul knew that people are not perfect- that families have difficulties, and we can’t always be ‘on fire in the Spirit.’ Families often squabble – think of sibling rivalry – but in the end, most families love and care for one another. That is how we should be with our families and others.

We may not agree with everyone, we may have to stand up for what is right when it is not a popular view, we may have to turn the other cheek to those who hurt us, but we always act in love.

Another aspect of love that Paul wants us to remember is that we are not better than anyone else. We are all equal in the eyes of God/ Wealth, beauty, intellect does not place any one person above another. Instead, we should respect all people and love them as we do our families.

Live in peace with those around you. Don’t try and get even when someone has wronged you. Respect the thoughts of others, even when you don’t agree. God calls us to live in peace with everyone, and we can be successful in peace if we love and respect all people we meet.

Wonder with Me

READ the Bible Story

- Love in Action, from Romans 12:9-18 (*Read from your Bible, see the verses listed below, or see one of the following pages for a picture of the Celebrate Wonder version.*)

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. ¹⁷ Do not be conceited.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

WATCH the Bible Story

- <https://youtu.be/HbNvsoSfPbs>

SHARE the Faith Word

Faith Word: Love – means a closeness and connection we feel with God and others. Our Bible story today tells us how we can love others.

WONDER Together:

1. Is it always easy to love?
2. What are some ways you show love?

Spiritual Practice

- **Share the Celebrate Wonder Family Activity Book together** (page 28 & 29). On page 29 (*and below*) you will find the suggested Spiritual Practice activity for the week.

Peter was telling the early church members to treat everyone as a member of their family, in love and in service.

Each day ask the members of your family, “How can I help you today?” Without complaining, do as they ask.

Remind yourself that the act you perform for others shows how you love God and God’s people.

Say a prayer of thanks to God for being able to help. Amen

Go in Peace

Blessing: Touch your child and say: **“You are a blessing to God and others.”**

Prayer: **Dear God, help me remember that we should love everyone no matter who they are or what they do. Amen.**

Additional Activity for each age group

Select the material toward the end of the lesson that is age appropriate for your child(ren)

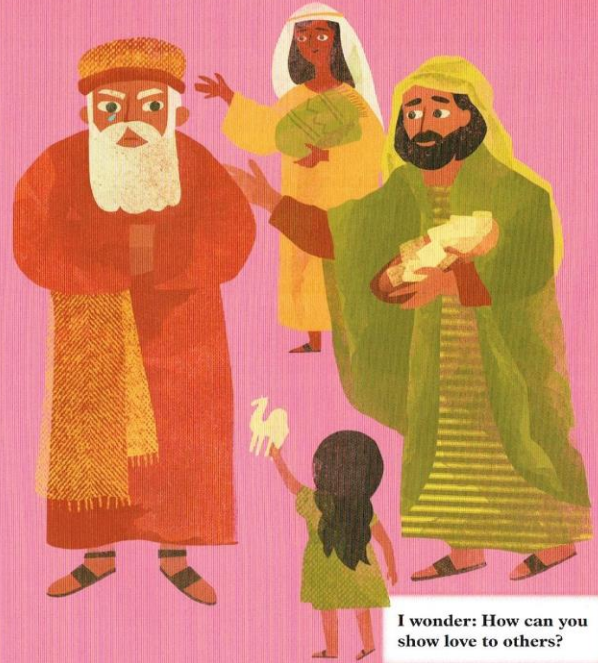
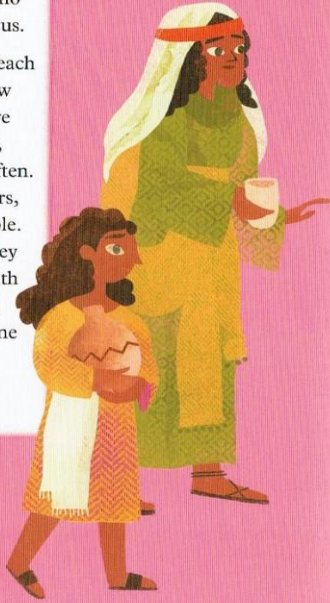
Book of ROMANS

Love in Action

Romans 12:9-18

Paul wrote a letter to people who lived in Rome and followed Jesus.

The letter said, “Show love to each other. Respect each other. Show your excitement while you serve each other and God. Be happy, stand your ground, and pray often. Share what you have with others, and be welcoming to new people. Be nice to all people, even if they aren’t nice to you. Be happy with happy people and sad with sad people. Remember that everyone is equal—no one is better than anyone else. Try to always live peacefully with all people.”

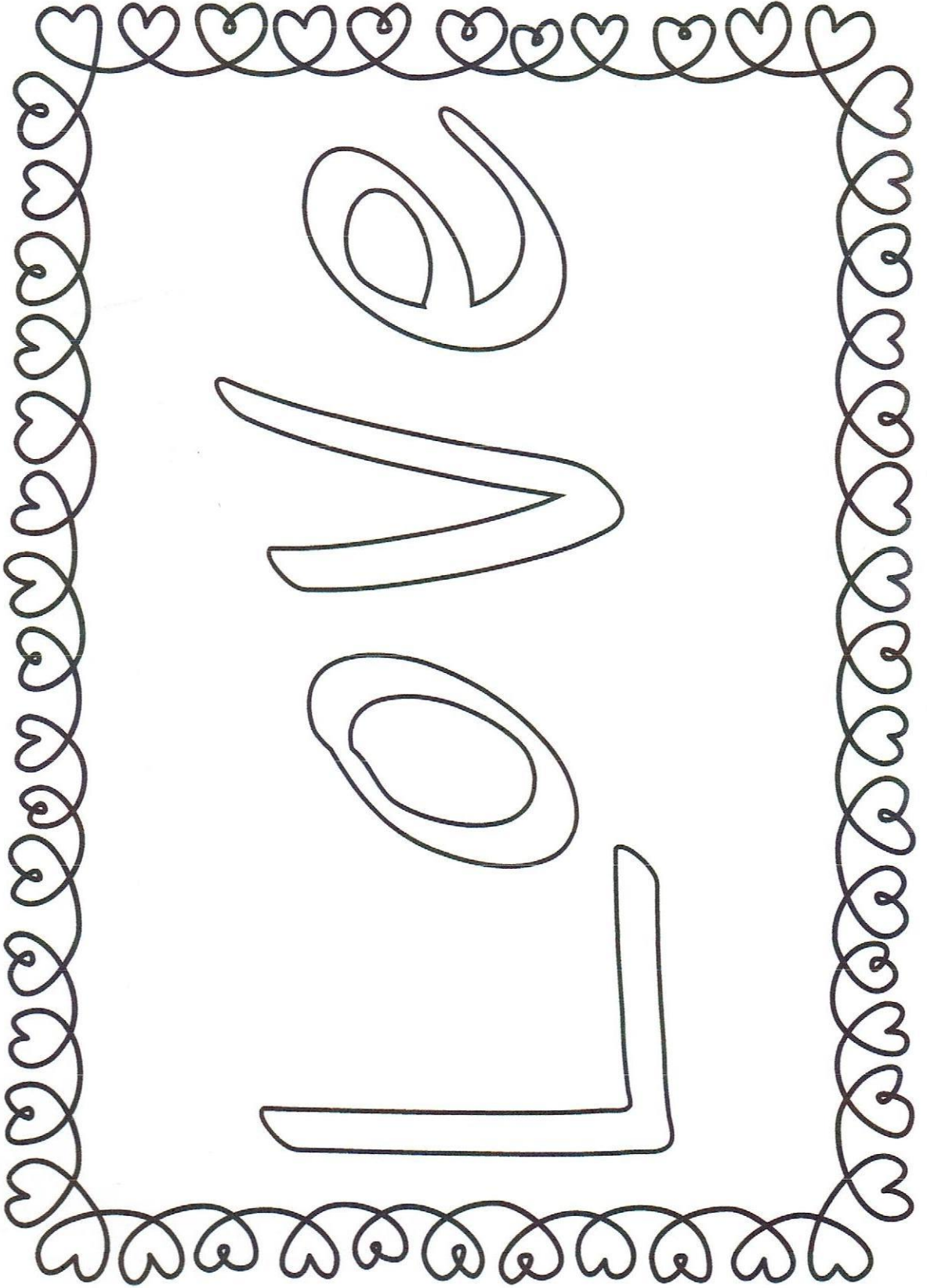


I wonder: How can you show love to others?

Color Sheet for all

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WONDER

Unit 3 Faith Word



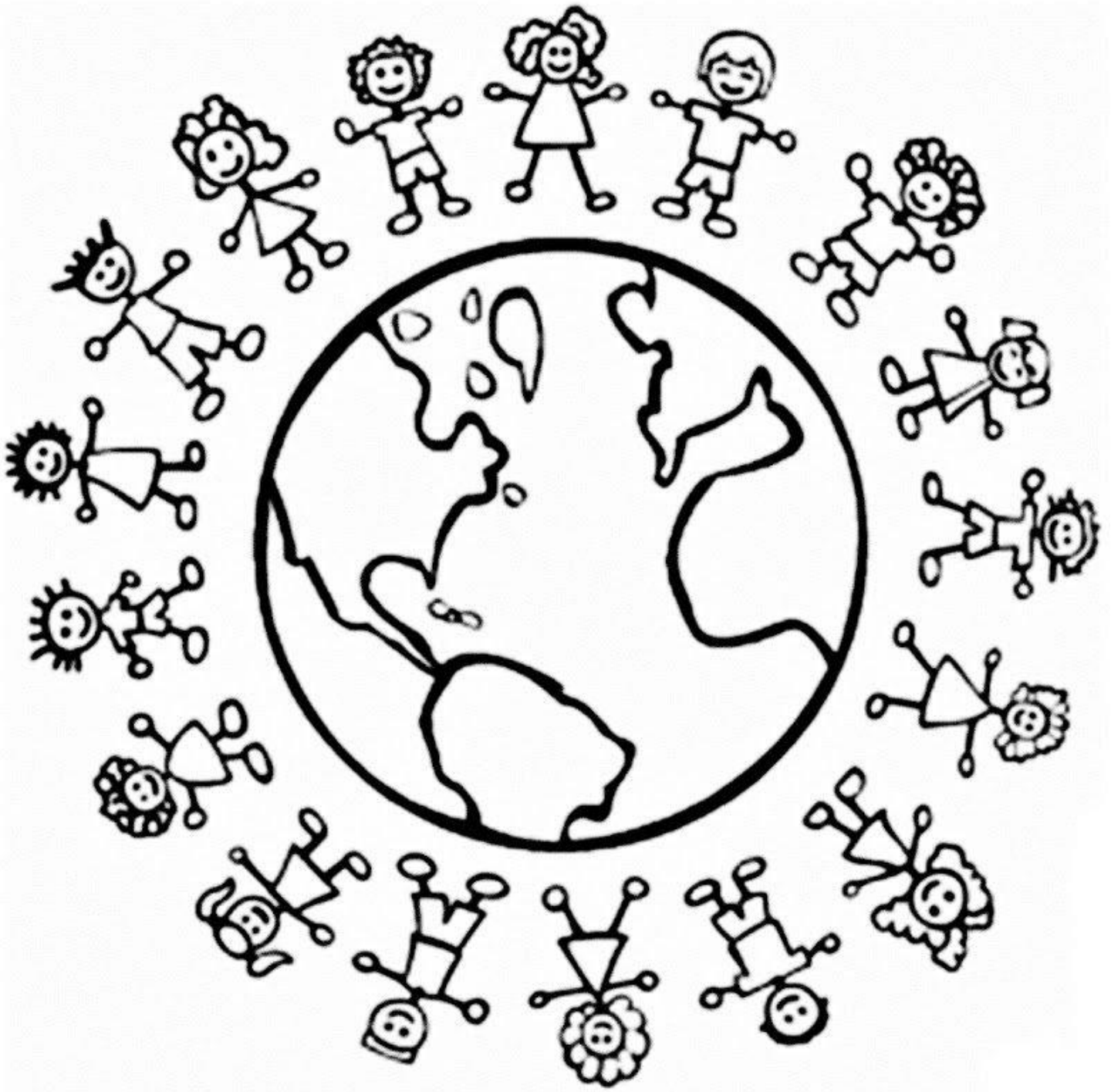
Preschool Activity

Craft or Birthday Party

Supplies: copy of the preschool activity sheet below and some color crayons.

Say: Paul told the people in the early church that God called them to love and care for each other as they do for their family members. God calls us to do that still today – to always act in love.

Color this picture to remind us to love and care for all God's people around the world! They are all part of our great big family!



**Love each other like the members of your family.
(Romans 12:10a)**

Early Elementary Activity

Words of Love

Supplies: Bible, paper, pencils or color crayons

Say: **How do you want to show love?**

Invite the children to read Romans 12:9-18. Have the children write or draw one way they want to show love. Encourage the children to think about one phrase that might define their understanding of love.

Older Elementary Activity

Words of Love

Supplies: Bible, paper, pencils or color crayons

Say: **How do you want to show love?**

Invite the children to read Romans 12:9-18. Have the children write or draw one way they want to show love. Encourage the children to think about one phrase that might define their understanding of love.

Romans 12:9-21 The Law of Love

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Sincere
peacemakers
Blessing

Providence
peace
evil

Kindness
good
Love

revenge
enemies