

# Living Faith @ HOME



**LOVE**, a word we use often. We love our family and friends. We love pizza and ice cream. We love snow or the sunshine.

What does the Bible tell us about love? The entire book is a love story between God and his creation – us!

In Mark 12:29-31(NIV) 29 Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is

one. 30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ 31 The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Jesus tells us that love is the most important commandment. He tells us that we are to love God and our neighbors.



In Corinthians 13:4-8(NIV) the Bible tells us what love looks and acts like.

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails.

Deuteromy 6: 5-7



“ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, and when you lie down and when you rise.”

## Love your Enemies

It is easy to show love for our friends and even strangers, but what about people who are not kind to us. People we would see as an enemy. In Luke 6:27-29(NIV) the Bible talks about loving our enemies.

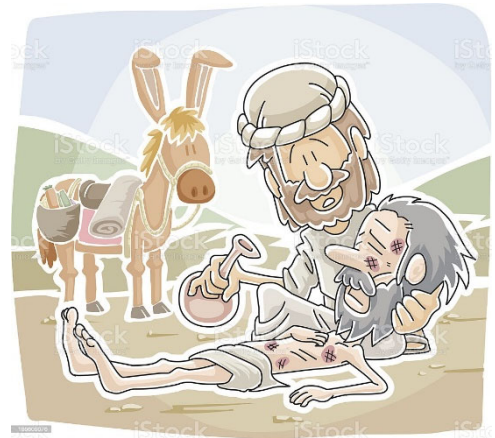


27 “But to you who are listening I say:  
Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,  
28 bless those who curse you,  
pray for those who mistreat you.

## Love In Action

One of my favorite missionaries often says, “Love is something you do”. Love is a verb. Jesus taught about “love your neighbor” in action using the parable of The Good Samaritan. Read Luke 10:30-37 and answer the questions below.

1. Why did Jesus tell this story?
2. Why do you think the man asked Jesus to explain who his neighbor was?
3. Who did not treat the hurt man with love and what might have been their reasons?
4. Why was it strange for the Samaritan to help? How did he help?
5. How did Jesus’ story answer the first man’s question? How should we treat others?



## Love Activity

How can we show love in action every day? Make a list of ways to show love to your family, friends and strangers and post them on the bulletin board or refrigerator where they will remind you to look for opportunities to show love for others each day. At dinner or evening prayers talk about how you made love into action during your day.

Suggestion: Make and send Valentines for the residence in the local care facilities near your home or where you have church members living.

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