

Loving Others  
Children's Lesson  
Greenfield Church of Christ

\*I found today's lesson from "Ministry for Children" which is online. I really liked this lesson on Love and I wanted to share this with you.

Before we get started, there are a few actions you need to know. When you read 'LOVE' I need you to cross your arms over your chest like you're giving yourself a great big hug. When I say 'HEART' I need you to make a heart shape with your hands. When I say 'SOUL' I need you to point both thumbs at your chest. When I say 'MIND' I need you to put your hands on your head. And when I say 'NEIGHBOR' I need you to point at anyone else in the room. Now let's get started.

The Bible has a lot to say about LOVE. It tells you God LOVES you. It tells you that God wants you to LOVE him. It tells you to LOVE your NEIGHBOR.

There is so much in the Bible about LOVE that some people call it a LOVE letter.

A long time ago when Jesus was on earth, people thought the Bible was just about rules. Do this. Don't do that. Say this. Wear that. Go here. Worship there.

Rule after rule after rule.

There was a little bit about LOVE, but there were so many rules that was all people cared about.

But LOVE was all Jesus cared about. He came here to show each one of us just how much He LOVES us. He LOVES us so much that even died for our sins so we can live with Him forever and always.

There were a whole bunch of people who really liked Jesus' message of LOVE, but there were also a bunch of people who really liked the rules. They thought following the rules was all that mattered, but they forgot that everyone makes mistakes sometimes and disobeys those rules. And then what?!? Is that it? One broken rule and it's all over?

No way! Jesus came so that even when we make mistakes, He can save us. It's such an amazing way to show just how much He LOVES us.

One day the rule followers wanted to know what Jesus thought was the most important one of all. If we could only ever follow one single rule, which one would it be? They expected Jesus to

say one of the 10 Commandments; like obeying your parents, or keeping the Sabbath a day only for God. But Jesus had an even better one. The best rule of all, and it's all about LOVE.

Jesus said, "LOVE the Lord your God with all your HEART and with all your SOUL and with all your MIND. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: LOVE your NEIGHBOR as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." – Matthew 22:37-40 NIV

Jesus turned all of those rules into just two simple ones. LOVE God. And LOVE others.

When you help others, that's a way of loving them. And when you obey your parents, that's a way of loving them. Every single rule can fit into one of those two. It was so simple.

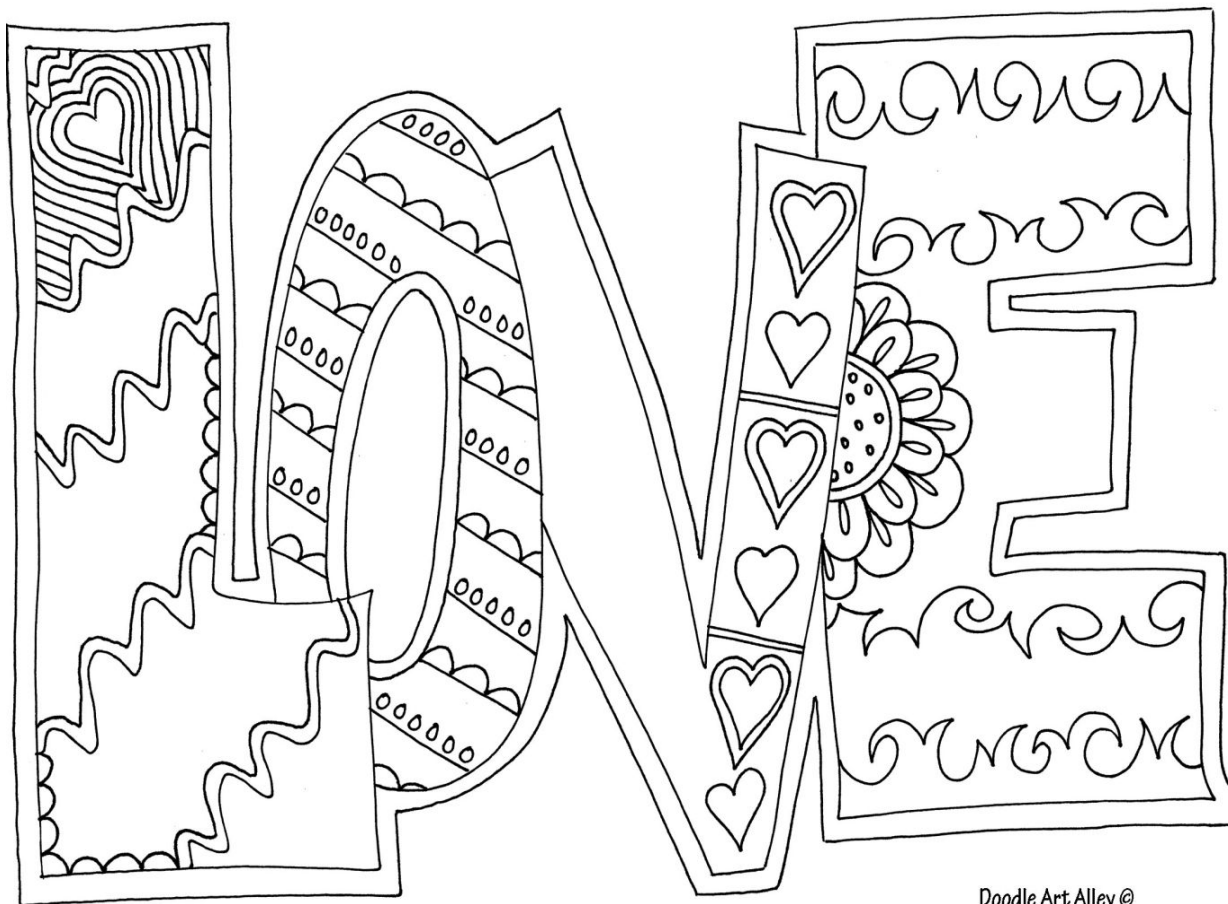
Now what do you think it means to LOVE God with all your HEART, SOUL, and MIND? It really just means that you LOVE Him completely. So you can't just say you LOVE God, or just put money in the offering, or just listen to the sermon; you need to LOVE God all the time and in every way.

And thankfully, Jesus LOVES us so much that forgives us when we forget to LOVE Him and our NEIGHBORS like we should. Which is great news, because everyone could use a little love!

You are loved, Ms. Shantelle



For our craft, with a parent's help, cut out some colorful hearts like shown above. Hook them together to form a heart paper chain to hang in your room. When you see it, remember that we need to show love to all we meet!





# LOVE IS

Discover the hidden words.



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### Word Bank

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| LOVE    | CORINTH  | CYMBAL |
| JESUS   | SELFLESS | CHURCH |
| CHRIST  | PATIENT  | GIFT   |
| GLORIFY | KINDNESS | GOD    |

