



Read John 13:34-35

DAY 1

This month is all about love! Love is choosing to treat others the way you want to be treated. Easier said than done, right? The truth is, love is a choice. It's deciding to treat others the way you want to be treated, not the way they actually treat you first.

Over 2,000 years ago, Jesus used the word "new" when He talked about this idea. Jesus was about to do something no one had ever done, going all the way to the cross to prove His love once and for all. We are to love others, not because they deserve it, or because they've earned it, or even because we feel like it in the moment. We love because Jesus loves us.

Read the scenarios below and think of one way you could respond with love, remembering that Jesus loves you.

Your sister interrupted your story, again.
Your friend at school left you out of the game.
A kid in your class called you a name and then laughed about it.

Think of a time this week when you didn't treat someone else the way you want to be treated. Ask God to help you respond differently so you can love others because Jesus loves you.

Read Ephesians 5:1-2

DAY 2

What is the last thing you learned how to do? Make slime? A back handspring? Did someone show you what to do step by step? Pick one thing you've learned how to do and write step by step instructions below:

When it comes to loving others, we have the best example ever. Jesus didn't just say He loved, He showed it by sacrificing Himself on the cross so that we could have a relationship with God, forever. When it comes to love, the best example to follow is Jesus. Leading a life of love means that you choose to treat others the way you want to be treated, no matter how they treat you first.

Thank God for sending Jesus to show you how to love others.

Finish the following statements from today's verse:

We know what love is because _____

Because we know this, we should _____

Maybe you're thinking, "Wait, is Jesus asking me actually give up my life for someone else?" Jesus isn't asking you to do exactly what He did because He came to do something no one else could do. He died on the cross so we could be forgiven.

Do you know what the word "sacrifice" means? To sacrifice means to give up something valuable to help another person. So to "give our lives for our brothers and sisters" might look like letting someone else go first, or listening before you speak, it might mean giving up what you really want so that someone else can have what they need.

Will you show love like Jesus did? Are you willing to give up what you think you deserve to love someone else? Pray and ask God to help you "give your life" away this week by noticing a need and choosing to do something to help. This might be the best way to love others because Jesus loves you.

When Jesus said these words, He was speaking to His closest friends, the disciples. Jesus was about to face the cross, rise again, and then return to heaven. Before He left them, He wanted to remind them how they should treat each other. Jesus was saying, "When I'm gone, look after each other and don't fight. Remember how I've treated you with love and treat each other the same way." But this command wasn't just for Jesus' disciples. It's for us too. Jesus wants us to love one another just like He loves us. So who are the "one anothers" in your life?

In the space to the right, write down the names of five people that you see most every day. Do you remember the last time you talked to that person? Were you loving with your words or actions? What happened? How could you show love to that person the next time you see him or her?

Ask God to help you show love the people you've listed, remembering that you can love because Jesus loves you.



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