

GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The General Sunday School Association (GSSA) is providing portions of lessons for several age groups on a common topic. Please visit the Church of Christ's Audio Visual Aid (AVA) committee website at www.cocsermons.net and click on the "Resources" tab to view all complete lessons and studies for children and adults. Contact Susan Porter at: porter_susan@sbcglobal.net, or 9 Market Street, Middleville, MI 49333, for more information. The GSSA has a private Facebook group for all members; if you would like to be added contact Betsy Trudgen at trucooking@yahoo.com.

God is Love

**My dear God in Heaven above,
Is a God of unending love.
Daily loving me, He teaches me charity;
Desiring me to love Him in return,
Until my soul with zeal for Him does burn.
He gave His life so I may live, no greater gift can any give.
So my all to Him I wish to give, Each and every day I live.
I'm going to spiritually study every day,
learning more of my God's loving ways.
At school I'll work and play hard, love my fellow student that
shares my school yard.
I'll exercise my mind and body every day,
So they will grow stronger in every way.
I want to give my all to Jesus,
He gave His all for me;
My dear Jesus died to set me free.**

1st John 4:7-21

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Poem by Janeen
Addie.

Try to write your
own.

God is Love- lesson by Susan Porter

Purpose of this lesson: To know that God loves us and that God is love. If we show love to others it means we have God with us.

Age Group: This lesson can be used with all ages; from young to old we can discuss and reflect on God's love for us. For older groups, I suggest using some of the references listed below.

Read 1st John 4:16 "And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him."

Make a chart like this one:

How I show love to others	How others show love to me
Example: being kind I'm helpful I smile and talk nicely Forgiving others	Parents care for me Friends play games with me I get listened to Pray with me

Discuss with your group and add comments.

After adding comments, talk about how we can improve on showing love to others. Record these ideas with a different color.

Make another chart like this one:

How I show love to God	How God shows His love to me
I go to church if I can I read Bible and Book of Mormon stories I say my prayers I tell people about my blessings I take care of my body that God gave me I keep God's commandments	He provides me with what I need He listens when I pray He gives me blessings His Spirit is with me and guides me He gives me joy and peace He doesn't change- we can rely on Him

Discuss and add comments.

Think about good deeds you do: helping others, being kind to one another, going to church, participating, reading your scriptures, praying, fasting, being joyful and so on.

For advanced students/adults: refer to the scriptures- here are a few suggestions:

Deuteronomy 7:9, Psalm 51:17, Matthew 18:11-14, Matthew 22:34-40, John 3:16, John 14:15-21, John 15:9-13; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, Galatians 5:22, Ephesians 2:4-10, 1st John 4:7-21, 1 Nephi 3: 27, 1 Nephi 3:62-64, 2 Nephi 11: 145-146, Moroni 7:52-53, 8:18-19, 10:29.