



First, watch
this week's
video!

Love: Showing
others how
much they
matter to you

Memory Verse

"Here is what love is.
It is not that we loved
God. It is that he
loved us and sent his
Son to give his life to
pay for our sins."
1 John 4:10, NIV

Bible Story

Creation
Genesis 1-2

Bottom Line

God made us to take
care of each other.

Use this guide to help your family learn
how we can share God's love with others.

Activity

Would You Rather: Caretaker Edition

What You Need:

No supplies needed

What You Do:

Say, "Let's play a game. This is 'Would You Rather: Caretaker Edition'! You have to choose which caretaking position you'd rather have. Ready?"

Ask the following questions. If any of your child's responses surprise you, pause and ask your child why they made that particular choice. Also feel free to change or adjust any of the following ideas to best fit your child.

Would you rather . . .

- be a firefighter, or be a dance teacher?
- have a pet guinea pig, or have a pet cat?
- do the dishes, or clean up after the dog?
- be the line leader for the week, or be the teacher's helper?
- clean your room, or clean up after dinner?
- watch your baby sister while your dad makes dinner, or help feed your baby sister?
- be a doctor, or be a teacher?
- invite someone new to sit with you at lunch, or invite the kid who never gets chosen to be on your dodgeball team?
- make dinner for your family, or do the laundry?
- be a coach, or be a veterinarian?

When your child has answered all the questions, say, "You are a great caretaker. Today in our Bible story, we heard about another cool caretaking responsibility we have—taking care of *one another*."



Talk About the Bible Story

Name the things that God created.
(Because God created everything, this could be a fun way to challenge your child to see how many parts of creation they can name in a certain amount of time.)

What is special about how God created humans? *(We are the only creation that was made in God's image.)*

What does it look like for us to take care of God's creation? *(We can take care of the earth and take care of each other.)*

What does it look like for us to take care of each other?

Parent: Share about a time when someone took care of you. How did it feel? What did it remind you about God?

Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, You are a BIG and AMAZING God. You are the God who created us. You have a good plan to use us in Your Big Story. Please help us remember that You made us to take care of each other. We know that's a really cool responsibility that You've given us. Help us see how we can show love by taking care of the people around us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

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DAY 1

Read Genesis 2:18

Before there was anything, God existed. God is the creator of all things.



Created by the Creator

List a few things in creation that God made:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



Did you add humans to the list? God made Adam and Eve to help and take care of each other. From the very start, God saw that we would need each other.

To help.

To encourage.

To laugh and cry with.

To love.

God made us to take care of each other.

DAY 2

Read Galatians 6:2

Think about today's verse as sharing one another's burdens.

"Sharing one another's burdens" means that when you see someone struggling, you do something in that moment to take some of the pressure or weight off to help them.



Heavy Lifting

Read an example of a "burden" below and write down one way you could help "carry" that heavy load.

Your little brother is struggling to understand his math homework. You recognize the lesson as something you learned a couple of years ago.



Your grandma is sad because she can't drive which means she can't do as many things or go as many places as she used to do.



Every time you "carry a heavy load" by sharing someone's burden, you are doing what God made you to do! Because God made us to take care of each other.



Read 1 John 3:17-18

Who Do You Love?

In the space below, write down five people you love.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Do the people you listed know that you love them? Can you name one way you've shown the people you listed that you love them through your actions?

Did you listen when that friend told you a really long story? Did you help your parent when they asked you to the first time? Were you patient with your brother even when he was taking forever?

Saying "I love you" isn't always enough. And words don't go very far if our actions don't back them up. That's why we need to say it and show it.

This week, instead of just saying, "love you" to the people around you, find a way to show your love through your actions. You can start with the people listed above. Challenge yourself to think of new ways to show your love through your actions this week.

Read Hebrews 13:16

What was the last thing you forgot? Wait . . . is it even possible to remember something you forgot?

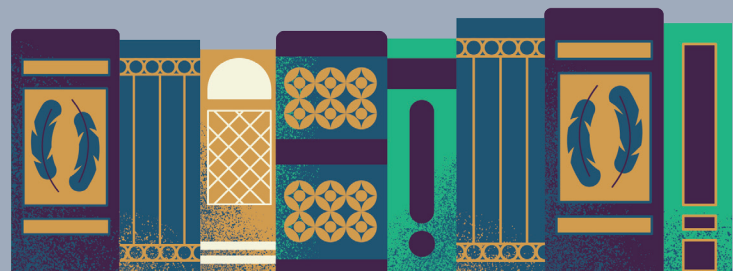
In today's verse, we're told to **do good** and to **share**. In fact, these two things are so important, the writer tells us not to forget! We need to remember this because God is pleased every time we follow through by helping and sharing. There are lots and lots of ways you can help and share and care for the people around you. So, pay attention this week so that you can love others.

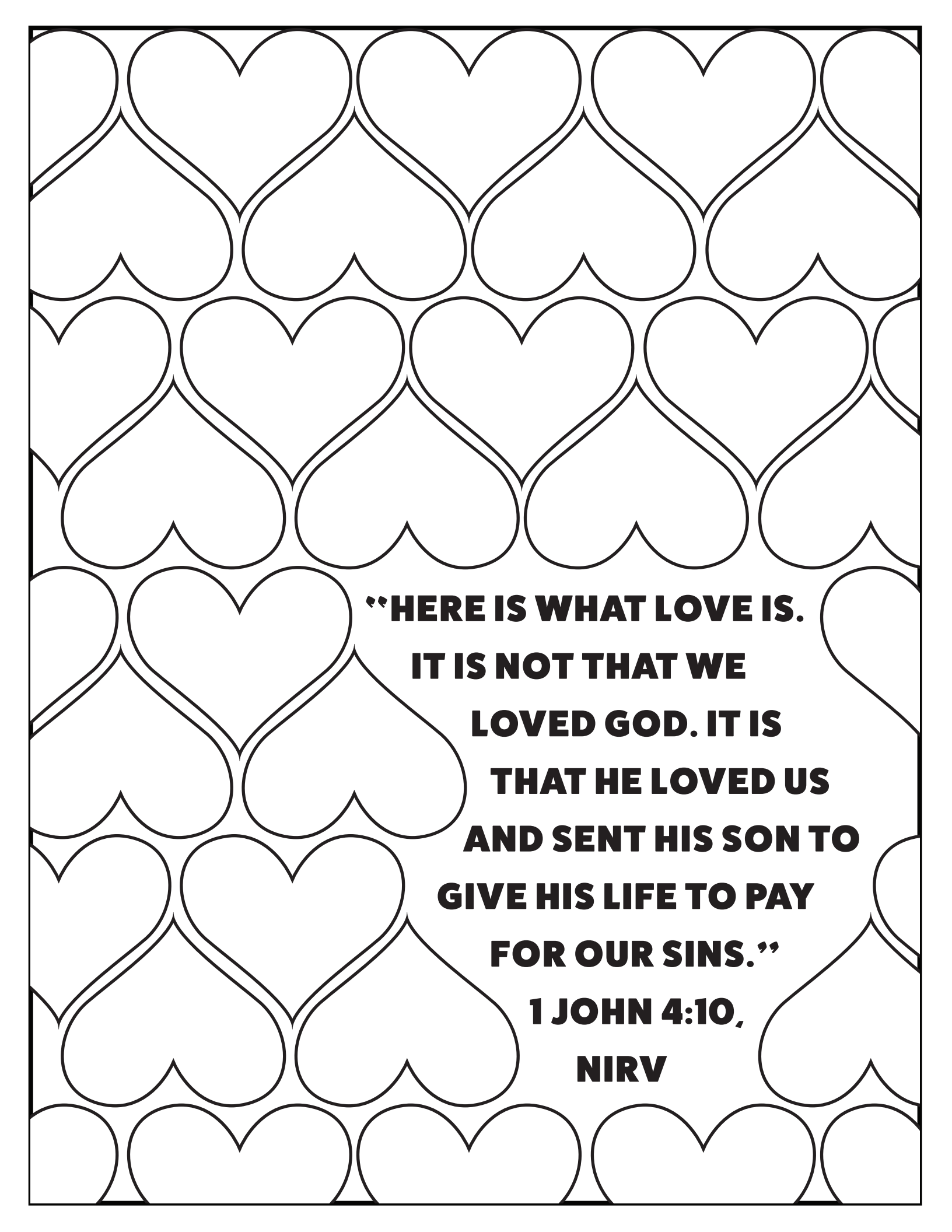
Don't Forget

Do you have a calendar in your room or a planner in your binder for school?

1. Grab your calendar or binder (or ask permission to use the family calendar if you don't have one).
2. Write "DGAS" on the spot for everyday this week.
3. Every time you take a look at your calendar, remember to Do Good And Share with others because God made us to take care of each other. Don't forget!

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AUGUST 14 - WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, backwards & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

GOD
LOVE
CREATION
LIFE

EPIC
GREATEST
COMMANDMENT

OTHERS
PLAN
JESUS