No Greater Love Kidzone Lesson Sun Am 2/12/23

# Memory Verse: John 14:15 NKJV

# 15“If you love Me, keep My commandments.

Target Thought Jesus loved us first

Valentines day is coming up. Some of you may have already celebrated Valentines day. Can any of you tell me what is Valentines day? How do we celebrate Valentines day? Is it important for us to tell our loved ones that we love them? Is it important for us to show them that we love them? Why? Should we only tell and show others that we love them only on Valentines day? Why not?

This is the most beautiful valentine I have ever received. (Hold up the cross) Oh, I know it doesn’t look very pretty like, but it is so beautiful because it represents the greatest love I have ever known. It represents Jesus’ love for me. The Bible says, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." That is what Jesus did when He died on the cross. He gave his life for me. That is why I say that the cross is the most beautiful valentine I have ever received. Jesus is the only one who has ever loved me enough to die for me.

Do you think Jesus wants a valentine from us? I think He does. But I don't think he wants a paper valentine. I think he wants us to show our love for him by giving our heart and life to Him. After all, He gave His life for us. Just so you can remind me, do we only show our one day a year? Does Jesus only show us His love one day a year?

Do you think Jesus likes to hear us tell him how much we love him? I am sure that he does, but I think he likes it even more when we show him how much we love Him. How do we do that? Well, Jesus has made a list, the list that He made can be found right here in the Bible. Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." If we want to show Jesus how much we love him, we will read his Word and do what he told us to do. When you tell Jesus you love him, remember that he likes it even more when you show him -- by keeping his commandments.

Dear Lord, thank you that you loved us so much that you sent Jesus to die on the cross for us. As Jesus showed His love for us on the cross, may we show our love for him by devoting our life to serving him. Amen.

1 Does Jesus want a Valentine from us?

2 Does Jesus want us to show Him that we love Him?

3 How can we show Jesus that we love Him?