Love God And Others Sun Am 10/22/23 KZ Lesson

# Memory Verse: Matthew 22:37 NKJV

# 37Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’

Target Thought: Jesus’ Love Through Us.

I don't know for sure, but I think there have probably been more songs written about love than about anything else in the world. Here’s a list of some. “Who wrote the book of love.” (we know that answer don’t we.) "Love Makes the World Go Round," "Love and Marriage," and "When I Fall in Love."

Oh, I almost forgot one of the best love songs ever written. I’m sure all of you know this song! If you know it, sing along with me. But I also have a challenge for you: Everytime you hear the word “love” on this song, make a heart shape out of your hands. (Demonstrate making a heart shape with your hands.)

Here it goes:

Jesus loves me, this I know,For the Bible tells me so.Little ones to him belong;They are weak but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me!Yes, Jesus loves me!Yes, Jesus loves me!The Bible tells me so.

What a wonderful song about Jesus' love for us. Explain to me what you think love is and give me some examples. Jesus loves us so much that He only has good plans for us. When Father God created us in the beginning He created us so that He could love us, have us love Him and one another. The Bible tells us in John 12:34-35 that when we love one another the world will know that we are Jesus’ disciples. Every time Jesus did something, even His death on a cross it was because of His love for us.

In today's Bible lesson, Jesus teaches another very important lesson about love. I want you to help me again. Every time you hear the word “love,” make a heart shape with your hands.

People were always amazed at the teachings of Jesus. One day a crowd was gathered around Jesus when a man who was an expert in religious law tried to trap Jesus with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment?"

Jesus answered, "'Love (pause) the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind,' this is the greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love  (pause) your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."  In other words, Jesus was saying that if we could love  (pause) God and love  (pause) others, we would not have any trouble keeping the other 10 commandments.

When we love God and others we only want is the best for them. When we love God we know that He loves us and only wants what is best for us. We know the He will provide for us, protect us, and always be there for us.

Love is God’s perfect plan for His family. James 1:17 tells us that all good and perfect gifts come from God, He only knows how to give us good things because He loves us so much. Sometimes people can be not so easy to love. When that happens we can ask Jesus to help us show them His love. We can pray for them and be a good example to them so that they can see Jesus’ goodness to us and then they can come to want Jesus’ love.

Let's ask God to help us to love (pause) as we ought.

Dear God, help us to love  (pause) You with all of our heart and to love  (pause) our neighbors as we love  (pause) ourselves. In Jesus' name, amen.

1. What kind of plans does God have for us?
2. Why did God create us?
3. How does the world that we belong to Jesus?
4. What is God’s perfect plan for His family?
5. What can we do when someone is not so easy to love?