

# Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Where does love come from?
- What does love look like? How did God show His love for us?
- Why do you think Jesus said, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another"? (See John 13:35.)



## Love One Another

1 John 3:10-18

**MAIN POINT: JOHN WROTE THAT OTHERS WILL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BECAUSE WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER.**

As one of Jesus' closest friends, the apostle John had lived alongside Jesus. He knew who Jesus really was, and he wrote a letter to help believers understand that Jesus was—and is—the Son of God.

John showed that God is love. If believers truly love God, they will also love one another—and that love must be shown in what believers say and do.

John said that people who are God's children live differently than people who are not God's children. Others will know we are Christians because we show love to one another.

John explained that people who do not love others are controlled by the power of death. God has set every believer free from the power of death. He has loved us and has given us life, so we can love one another.

We know what love is because Jesus showed us. He laid down His life for us. Because of Jesus' power, we can—and should—love like that too. When we have something that our brother needs, we should give it to him. If someone has enough to help but turns away and does nothing, does that person really know God's love?

John said that we must not just talk about loving others. We must love them by our actions and by telling them the truth.

*Christ Connection: John wrote a letter to teach believers in the church about the importance of showing love. Love is more than feelings or words—it is an action. Jesus showed God's love for us when He died on the cross to rescue people from sin.*