

# Love One Another

*(1 John 3:11–18)*

Do not be surprised, my friends, if the people of the world hate you. We know that we have left death and come over into life; we know it because we love others. Those who do not love are still under the power of death. Those who hate others are murderers, and you know that murderers do not have eternal life in them. This is how we know what love is: Christ gave his life for us. We too, then, ought to give our lives for others! If we are rich and see others in need, yet close our hearts against them, how can we claim that we love God? My children, our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action.

# Courage before God

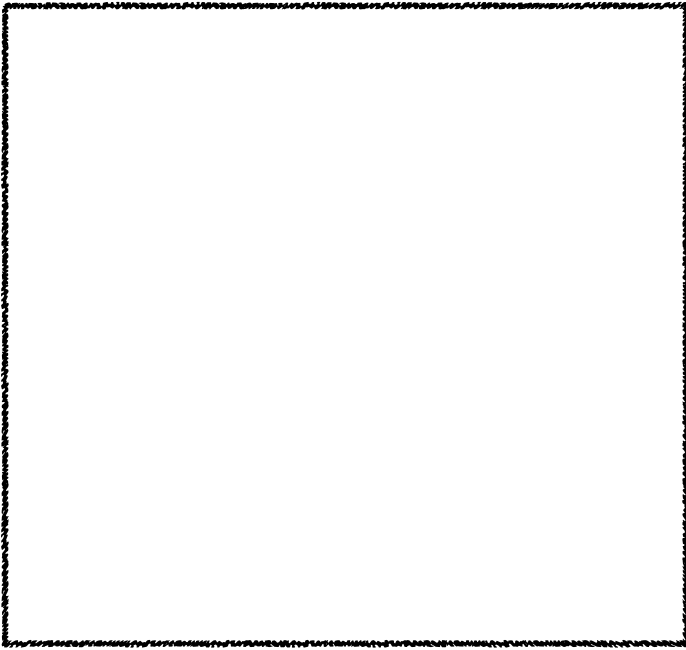
*(1 John 3:19–24)*

This, then, is how we will know that we belong to the truth; this is how we will be confident in God's presence. If our conscience condemns us, we know that God is greater than our conscience and that he knows everything. And so, my dear friends, if our conscience does not condemn us, we have courage in God's presence. We receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him. What he commands is that we believe in his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as Christ commanded us. Those who obey God's commands live in union with God and God lives in union with them. And because of the Spirit that God has given us we know that God lives in union with us.

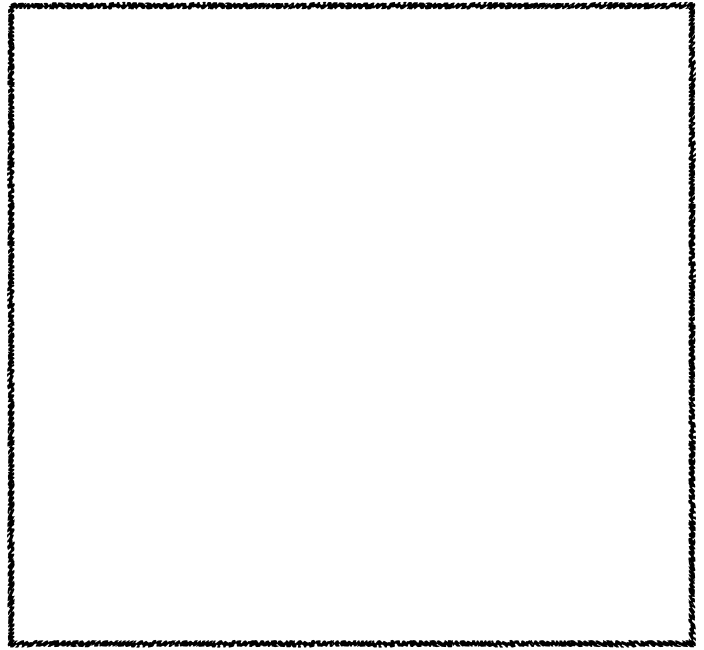
# Love in Action, not Words

The Bible says: “My children, our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action.” (1 John 3:18)

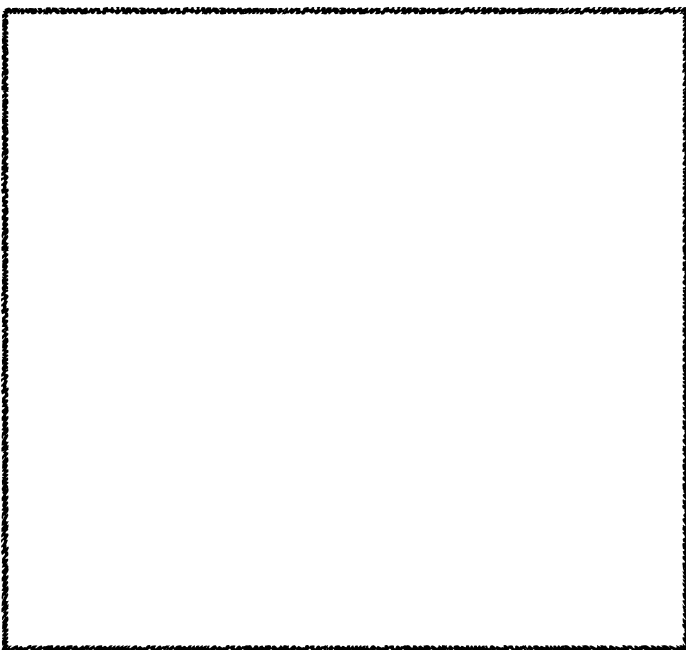
Look up the following verses about love. Write the verse or draw a picture of it.




John 3:16



1 Corinthians 13:4–5



Romans 12:10



John 15:12



## *Collect of the Day*

*Pray this together as a family*

O LORD, who never failest to help and govern them whom thou dost bring up in thy stedfast fear and love:

Keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Showing Love at Home & in the Community

The Bible says:

“Children, it is your Christian duty to obey your parents, for this is the right thing to do...Parents, do not treat your children in such a way as to make them angry. Instead, raise them with Christian discipline and instruction.” (*Ephesians 6:1–4*)

We show love to our parents by obeying them. We can also show them love by doing things such as chores even before they ask. List three things you can do at home to show love your parents & family (be specific!):

1.

2.

3.

One of the ways we can show love is by helping those in need by volunteering our time or by making various kinds of donations. List three ways you can help those in need in your community (be specific!):

1.

2.

3.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

ACTION

BIBLE

CHILDREN

CHRIST

COMMANDS

CONSCIENCE

COURAGE

EPISTLE

ETERNAL

GOD

HEART

JESUS

JOHN

LIFE

LOVE

OBEY

PRESENCE

SPIRIT

UNION

WORDS