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(KBC Study Bible, page 1036)

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Jesus loves all sinners, calling them to repent.

I can show love to people by telling them about Jesus.

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**THINK:** Think about how God demonstrated, or showed, how much He loves you by sending Jesus. How can you demonstrate your love for God?

**PRAY:** Thank You, God, for showing me how much You love me even though I am a sinner. In Jesus’ name, amen.

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**DAY 2** **READ:** Luke 10:27 (KBC Study Bible, page 1122)

**THINK:** How are you to love God? With all your heart, soul, strength, and mind. How are you to love your neighbor? As much as you love yourself. Why should you love your neighbor? Because of how much God loves you!

**PRAY:** God, please help me to love You more and help me to show more love to my neighbor. In Jesus' name, amen.

**DAY 3** **READ:** John 3:16 (KBC Study Bible, page 1151)

**DO:** GOD LOVES YOU! Write down on a piece of paper 3 ways God shows His love for you. Keep it in your Bible and add to it as you remember more ways God loves you.

**PRAY:** Thank You, God, for loving me. Please help my family and friends know how much You love them, too. In Jesus' name, amen.

**DAY 4** **READ:** 1 John 4:7-9 (KBC Study Bible, page 1358)

**THINK:** The Bible says that love isn't something God does, it's something He is. God = Love. Take time to think about how God created love and is the source of all love.

**PRAY:** God, I praise You because You are perfect love and You love me perfectly. In Jesus' name, amen.

**DAY 5** **READ:** 1 John 4:10-11 (KBC Study Bible, page 1358)

**DO:** When you think about how much God loves you and how He provided Jesus to pay for your sins, it's impossible not to share that love with others. Choose someone in your family you know needs to feel love. Give that person a hug and say how much you love them.

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