

# All About Love

## Lesson – All About Love

### Matthew 22:34-46

Before we get started, there are a few actions you need to know. When I say ‘LOVE’ I need you to cross your arms over your chest like your giving yourself a great big hug. When I say ‘HEART’ I need you to make a heart shape with your hands. When I say ‘SOUL’ I need you to point both thumbs at your chest. When I say ‘MIND’ I need you to put your hands on your head. And when I say ‘NEIGHBOR’ I need you to point at anyone else in the room, or outside. Now let’s get started.

The Bible has a lot to say about LOVE. It tells you God LOVES you. It tells you that God wants you to LOVE him. It tells you to LOVE your NEIGHBOR.

There is so much in the Bible about LOVE that some people call it a LOVE letter.

A long time ago when Jesus was on earth, people thought the Bible was just about rules. Do this. Don’t do that. Say this. Wear that. Go here. Worship there.

Rule after rule after rule.

There was a little bit about LOVE, but there were so many rules that was all people cared about.

But LOVE was what Jesus cared about. He came here to show each one of us just how much He LOVES us. He LOVES us so much that even died for our sins so we can live with Him forever and always.

There were a whole bunch of people who really liked Jesus’ message of LOVE, but there were also a bunch of people who really liked the rules. They thought following the rules was all that mattered, but they forgot that everyone makes mistakes sometimes and disobeys those rules. And then what?!? Is that it? One broken rule and it’s all over?

No way! Jesus came so that even when we make mistakes, He can save us. It’s such an amazing way to show just how much He LOVES us.

One day the rule followers wanted to know what Jesus thought was the most important one of all. If we could only ever follow one single rule, which one would it be? They

expected Jesus to say one of the 10 Commandments; like obeying your parents, or keeping the Sabbath a day only for God. But Jesus had an even better one. The best rule of all, and it's all about LOVE.

Jesus said, "LOVE the Lord your God with all your HEART and with all your SOUL and with all your MIND. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: LOVE your NEIGHBOR as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." – Matthew 22:37-40 NIV

Jesus turned all of those rules into just two simple ones. LOVE God. And LOVE others.

When you keep the Sabbath as a day for Jesus, that's a way of loving Him. And when you obey your parents, that's a way of loving them. Every single rule can fit into one of those two. It was so simple.

Now what do you think it means to LOVE God with all your HEART, SOUL, and MIND? It really just means that you LOVE Him completely. So you can't just say you LOVE God, or just put money in the offering, or just listen to the sermon; you need to LOVE God all the time and in every way.

And thankfully, Jesus LOVES us so much that forgives us when we forget to LOVE Him and our NEIGHBORS like we should. Which is great news, because everyone could use a little more LOVE.

## **All About Love**

**Supplies – large piece of poster paper, tape, writing/drawing utensils**

**Lay out two large pieces of paper and ask your kiddos to lay down on their backs so you can trace them. Once you have a basic outline tape them to the wall (just off the ground), and write "Loving God" on the first one, and "Loving Others" on the second one. Then ask a volunteer to come forward and draw/color each of the following body parts while you come up with ways that you can use them to show love. Then see if they can think of another body part they can use to show love.**

Ears (example: listening when others are talking, listening in church)

Eyes (example: paying attention to others needs, reading the Bible)

Nose & Mouth (example: singing hymns and praise music, speaking kind words)

Mind (example: learning about Jesus, thinking of new ways to help)

Heart (example: praying to God, telling your parents you love them)

Hands (example: holding the door, cleaning up the sanctuary)

Feet (example: going on mission trips, walking with someone to their car)

**Closing Prayer – All About Love**

**Pray and encourage your kiddos to tell God they love Him, and ask Him to help them show that love**