

## Home Family Worship with Kids 23. August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### Matthew 12:9-18 Love in Action

The word "love" is one of the words we use the most to describe how we feel about the people and things we cherish. We say things like, "I love my sister! I love my dog! I love my car! I love to eat!" We seem to love everything!

**Video clip** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EQ4us93rtbQ> Watch the video clip.

This word "LOVE" is used to describe how we feel but love is not a feeling. Love is an action. When you really love someone it will show through your actions.

I wonder what you think about this clip. Did it make you think of some times when you have shown love in "action"? Or not shown love in action?

Is it easy to show love?

God is the one who shows us how to love others. He sent Jesus, his son, to come and teach us about love and to show us what love looks like.

Watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ebrbdbXzMrg>.

For older children - Watch "The Thread" – God's love

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o5qdXWnvynE> Ask if anyone has any thoughts they would like to share after watching. What is the thread that links us all together?

Can you think of some stories in the Bible where God showed his love, where Jesus showed love in action. (There are many – look through a picture Bible and find some stories to share focusing on the action.) Elijah and Elisha both had love shown to them from widows, Joseph showed love to his brother's when he gave them food, Ruth showed love when she stayed with Naomi, Jesus when he did his many miracles, Jesus when he went to Zacchaeus house.

Spend some time recreating some love actions – what ways can we show love in action at home?

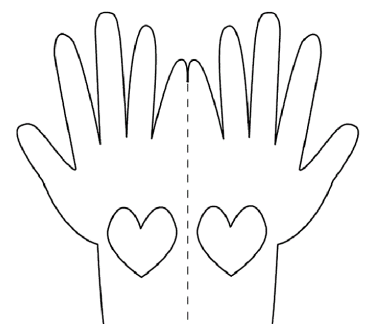
Make a list for each family member asking them what actions make them feel loved. Mum or dad might like it when the family help with the house cleaning or when someone makes her a cup of tea. One child might feel loved when a parent sits and reads a story with them or takes them for a bike ride.

Think about your friends – what ways can we show love in action to them?

We show love in action for others because God showed love in action to us.

**Craft:** Love in action hands. Fold a piece of paper in half. Line your little finger with the fold in the paper and trace around your hand. Cut out your hand without cutting the fold.

Decorate, write or draw ways you can show love in action onto your hands. Place them in a place that you can see each day to remind us that God loved us with action and he wants us to love others with action too.



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Dear God, thank you  
for my home and  
for my entire family,  
thank you for the love  
you give to each one of us  
so we can share it with others,  
help us to live a happy life.

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**Songs:** Love one another <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=47Kf90d7Tf8>

Newsboys - Love one another <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJ6a4ptyyF8>

Go Fish: Fruit of the Spirit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f-ejASqf1VE>

Colin Buchanan: Practice being Godly

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7gl\\_5jLTfUE&list=PL9xnXljHzBS4PqcxysnfNcyY5DKrqVyug&index=20&t=0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7gl_5jLTfUE&list=PL9xnXljHzBS4PqcxysnfNcyY5DKrqVyug&index=20&t=0s)