

# GOOD NEWS BEARS CLUB

# BIBLE DISCOVERY

## "God's Love"

Recommended for: all

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**LESSON AIM:** To understand several ways that we can care for one another and show God's love and to do what God asks us to do.

**MEMORY VERSE:** *"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God..."* 1 John 4:7

**SUPPLIES:** Pictures of families, elderly people, children, and a picture of Jesus. Items for making cards: construction paper or card stock, stickers, glitter, glue, fabric, etc., addresses of individuals in the church that are sick, handicapped, or unable to attend church, wrapped candy bar, or lollipop for each child in class.

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**OPENING:**

Younger Children: Show examples of God's love by relating the feelings children show towards their parents, grandparents, and other family members.

Show warm loving pictures of small children with people they love. Listen to their response carefully.

Older Children: As children arrive, have the tables with card materials ready and begin making cards. This will be the main activity. Each child should make at least two cards.



**BIBLE DISCOVERY:** Wrap a sucker, or piece of candy in a small box and present it to a child in the class. Allow them to open it and see what it is. Take a moment to ask the child how it felt to receive the gift. Then ask the other children how they felt not receiving a gift. Sometimes there are sick, elderly, or handicapped people that can't always come to church and sometimes feel left out. Talk about how happy it makes us feel when we have been sick and had to miss a Good News Bears Club meeting, and someone tells us how much they missed us. People like to know that they are missed and loved.

Ask if any of the children have a grandparent that lives in a rest home. How does that grandparent feel when they come to visit? There are a lot of people, like their grandparents, who need to know they are loved. When we give our time, smiles, hugs and small gifts (like cards) we are showing God's love to others. Be sure to pass out the remaining gifts to the rest of the children.



**ACTIVITY:** Make the cards.

**SNACK:** Heart shaped cookies and juice. The heart shape is to remind the children about the love of God.



**CONCLUSION:** Discuss how, when and to whom the cards will be given. Cards can be sent to club members when absent to show that they were missed, cards can be sent to visitors or given to whomever the children decide.

Show the children God's love by praying for them and give them a hug.

\*Note: Be sure to mail the cards to the people the next day.