

I Want to Know You...The Attributes of God
#15--God is Love

Hook: *Bring a large bowl, medium bowl and a pitcher to class. With the children standing around the table, able to clearly see the bowls, put the smaller bowl inside the larger one. Then, take the pitcher with water and say:* "See this water. Let's pretend it's not just plain water. Let's pretend it's love! I know that's silly, but let's use our imagination. Watch as I pour out this "love" into the bowl. ***Slowly pour the water into the medium bowl and keep pouring until it comes close to the rim. Say:*** "This sure is a lot of love, don't you think? But, if this water is God's love and we are the bowl, then His love fills us to overflowing." ***Now, continue to pour slowly, causing the water to overflow into the larger bowl for several seconds.***

Book: Today's Attribute of God is LOVE. Boys and girls, you belong to your parents and they love you. The Bible tells us that we also belong to God and that He loves us so much He calls us His children! God wants us to see or recognize His great love for us. The Bible says: "**See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!**" (1 John 3:1a) Our Father God has not given us just a little bit of His love. "Lavish" means He is super generous with His love. He has SO much love for us that it overflows! He showed us how much He loves us by sending Jesus to pay the penalty for our sins.

Look: God is our Heavenly Father and His love for us is perfect. He is a perfect parent! His love is also everlasting which means it has no end and nothing can separate us from it. Ever.

Took: One way God lavishes His love on us is through His creation. Just think of how adorable a little kitten is. Or how beautiful the stars are in the night sky. Think about how much fun it is to play at the beach and how cozy you feel in your mom or dad's arms. All those things are love gifts from our Father God. But the greatest way God has lavished us with His love is through His Son, Jesus. Jesus is God's gift of salvation to us. Now that's love! Today, as you have fun with friends or enjoy your mom's hugs, will you remember that God is LOVE and He has lavished His love on you?

Bible Verse: "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" 1 John 3:1a

Prayer: "Father God, thank You for Your gift of Jesus. Thank You for lavishing Your love on us and calling us Your children! Help us to recognize Your love every day. Amen."

The Attributes of God: LOVE



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parent/child
activity

Draw a large heart on a piece of paper. Then your child draw one or several pictures inside the heart representing ways God lavishes His love on us. A picture of the night sky, an animal, a plate of food, your family, a cross, for example, could all represent God's love for us. Take time to recognize God's love gifts as you talk about each picture.



daily prayer

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