

# Measuring God's Love

## Theme

God's love is immeasurable.

## Object

A measuring cup; a tape measure; a watch

## Scripture

John 3:14-21

**One of my favorite Bible verses begins, "For God so loved the world." I was thinking about that verse and wondering just how great God's love is and how we could measure it. This morning I brought several things that we often use to measure stuff. I thought they might help us measure God's love.**

**Sometimes we measure ingredients. If I were making some cookies, which of these would I use to make sure that I put in exactly the right amount of flour, sugar, and milk? (Allow kids to pick between the measuring cup, a tape measure, and a watch.) That's right, we would use a measuring cup for cookies, but I wonder if we might use a measuring cup to measure God's love? The Bible says, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want....my cup runneth over" (Psalm 23:1,5). Well, if our cup runs over with God's love, I guess we couldn't use a measuring cup to measure it.**

**If we were building something, which of these would I use to measure the length, width, and height of different things? (Allow kids to pick between the measuring cup, a tape measure, and a watch.) That's right, a tape measure, but I wonder if we might use a tape measure to measure God's love? The Bible tells us that God's love is higher than the heavens (Psalm 108:4). If God's love is higher than the heavens, I don't think we could use a tape measure to measure it, could we?**

**Which of these would I use to measure time?** (Allow kids to pick between the measuring cup, a tape measure, and a watch.) **We use a watch to measure time. There will probably be some people here this morning who will use their watches to measure how long the pastor's sermon lasts. I wonder if we could use a watch to measure how long God's love will last. The Bible tells us that God's love is from everlasting to everlasting (Psalm 103:17). Wow! If God's love is from everlasting to everlasting, I guess we couldn't measure it with a watch.**

**"For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." How do you measure a love like that? We can't measure it. We don't need to, but we do need to experience it.**

**My prayer for you today is, "That you may understand how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love really is. May you experience it, though it is so great you will never fully understand it" (Ephesians 3:18-19).**

**Dear God, we thank You for Your love—a love so great that You gave Your one and only Son so that we could have eternal life. In Jesus' name, amen.**

## Sermon Title: "Measuring God's Love"

Scripture Reading: John 3:14-17

### MEASURING CUP FUN:

Give each child a measuring cup to keep, for them to take home to tell this story to others. Children can tape a typed-out Bible verse of Ps 23:1, 5 onto their measuring cup.

### TAPE MEASURE:

Give each child a real inexpensive tape measure to take home and a LONG strip of paper with the Bible verse typed out (Ps 108:4), for children to tape onto their tape measure to share our lesson today.

### CLOCK MAKING:

Give each child a round piece of paper and supplies to draw their clock. Use a brad to hold the cut out hands in place. Have children write out Ps 103:17 around the outside edge of their clock, or in the middle of the clock. GOD'S LOVE LASTS FOREVER!

### CROSS BOOKMARK:

Give the children a piece of paper about 6 - 8 inches long and 2 inches wide, as well as markers, stickers and glitter glue to draw a CROSS in the middle of the book marker. Write John 3:16.

### GIANT HEART ART!

The teacher can use creativity on how to make the BIGGEST HEART that the children have ever seen! This could be done by using an entire wall and forming a ROOM SIZE heart with red tape, or the teacher could use 2 or 3 pieces of red poster board to cut out the biggest red heart that has ever been seen by the children! As children come in to their classroom, discussion can be about how long and deep and wide God's LOVE is and that GOD's love is from everlasting to everlasting! Children could then take turns drawing hearts all over the GIANT heart, or using heart stickers to decorate their BIG heart!

### HEART/CROSS POSTER:

Give each child a large red construction-paper HEART and a cut out black cross from cons. paper. Let child tape or glue the cross onto the red heart and write John 3:16 on the poster!

### GOD'S LOVE BANNER:

This would be a very exciting project for the children if the teacher can find a ROLL of paper from a printing plant, book factory, etc. Find a very LONG aisle in the church, etc for the children to ROLL out the paper for as long a BANNER as possible! Let children write Eph 3:18-19 on the ROLLED out BANNER and make colorful BIG letters for 'WIDE', 'LONG', 'HIGH', and 'DEEP' is GOD'S LOVE FOR ME! This very LONG banner is fun to hang along a hallway wall for children to enjoy for a couple of weeks!

### LOVE PRAYER TIME:

Let the children stand in a HEART SHAPE, holding hands and take turns to THANK GOD for His LOVE that is from everlasting to everlasting. After In Jesus Name, Amen - have children sing or say JOHN 3:16!

### OBJECTS TO MEASURE RELAY:

Divide the children into teams. Each team will be given a ruler and a list of 5 things to measure. As soon as the team has all 5 items measured, they will return to their team line and sit, so that the teacher knows that they are done. Object to measure can be a table, a light switch, a Bible, a pencil and a window or door. The first team who returns to their team line first with the CORRECT answers will be the winner. All team answers must be checked before they can be declared a winning team.

### SHOE MEASURING RELAY:

Divide the children into teams. The teams will line up next to each other. Each teammate will take turns running to the other side of the room and getting a ruler on the table, measure their shoe, quickly write down the inches on a piece of team paper on the table and RUN back to the team for the next player to do the same until all players have written down their shoe measurement. Then the first player will run back up quickly and ADD up all the numbers for the final count. If possible, the teacher can make "note" of each team for being special - either for getting finished first, or having the longest shoes, or the shortest shoes, etc.

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### HEIGHT MEASUREMENTS:

Let each team measure each team mate and one runner from each team and run to their own poster board and write the height of each player. At the end, add all the heights together and see who has the tallest team.

### CLASSMATES MEASUREMENTS:

Let the children find a large designated area if the class is large, and stand together in ONE LINE... with arms outstretched and only finger tips touching each and then the teacher or another leader can measure the distance from one end to the other of children. REMIND children to always measure GOD'S LOVE for them.

### LOVE TREATS:

Give the children a little heart shaped chocolate candy or a heart shaped cookie. If time allows, children could frost and decorate their heart shaped cookie, with sprinkles!! ALL kids love sprinkles!

### Song: "Jesus Is My Best Friend"

[Words and Music \(pdf\)](#)

[MP3 Demo Track \(right click to save to your computer\)](#)

This song is provided through the courtesy of Cynthia Jordan and is on the "Kids for Kids - 25 Sunday School Songs" CD. To listen to all of the songs or to purchase the CD from which this song is taken, [click here](#).

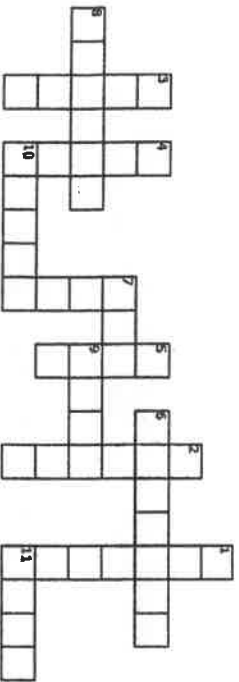
### Song: "Jesus Loves the Little Children"

[Music and Lyrics \(pdf\)](#)

[MP3 Piano accompaniment Track \(right click to save to your computer\)](#)

# Crossword Puzzle

## Measuring God's Love



### ACROSS

- To accept something as true, genuine, or real
- A male child
- To die or be destroyed
- To care very deeply for someone
- A serpent or reptile)
- The period of time from birth to death

### DOWN

- Lasting forever, without end
- Hot, dry area of land with few trees or plants
- The earth with its inhabitants and all things upon it
- Received the ten commandments from God
- Alone in its kind, nothing like it
- To rescue from danger or harm

SNAKE	ETERNAL	SAVE	LOVE
LIFE	SON	PERISH	DESERT
ONLY	BELIEVE	MOSES	WORLD



that he gave  
his only Son.

John 3:16

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# Children's Worship Bulletin

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## Word Search Puzzle

P T F V E L F M H H M F H B N  
O T J E Z O S D C C T O Z I U  
U I F I D V N N X O W M M O M  
Y I G I Z E H N A R N S A V E  
L N F L S D A H N K R D F I Q  
T L D E S E R T Y V E O E B Y  
H P I I B E L I E V E S V M J  
R W D F G Q J C Z X U G K K N  
O S O N T A M E P H D A Z P R  
U N V R V E B T Y U O V J E W  
G X L S L S D E Q U X E V R P  
H L J Y E D R R G W E E D I L  
G X L S N X S N R B O T H S Y  
M O O D L Z G A H H T Z T H R  
D M D G U M M L W J H G I P O

SON	ONLY	BELIEVES	MOSES	WHOEVER
PERISH	HIM	WORLD	DESERT	LIFTED
CONDEMN	SNAKE	LOVED	ETERNAL	LIFE
THROUGH	GAVE	SEND	GOD	SAVE



# Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
I	H	Q	M	B	U	O	N	C	S	G	F	A	K	Z	J	L	E	V	W	P	T	Y	R	D	X

- 20-7-24-17-25 \_\_\_\_\_
- 17-1-12-18 \_\_\_\_\_
- 10-7-8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 11-7-25 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5-18-17-1-18-19-18-10 \_\_\_\_\_
- 18-22-18-24-8-13-17 \_\_\_\_\_
- 21-18-24-1-10-2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 17-7-19-18-25 \_\_\_\_\_
- 11-13-19-18 \_\_\_\_\_
- 20-2-7-18-19-18-24 \_\_\_\_\_

ETERNAL	GOD	LOVED	SON	BELIEVES
WHOEVER	LIFE	GAVE	PERISH	WORLD

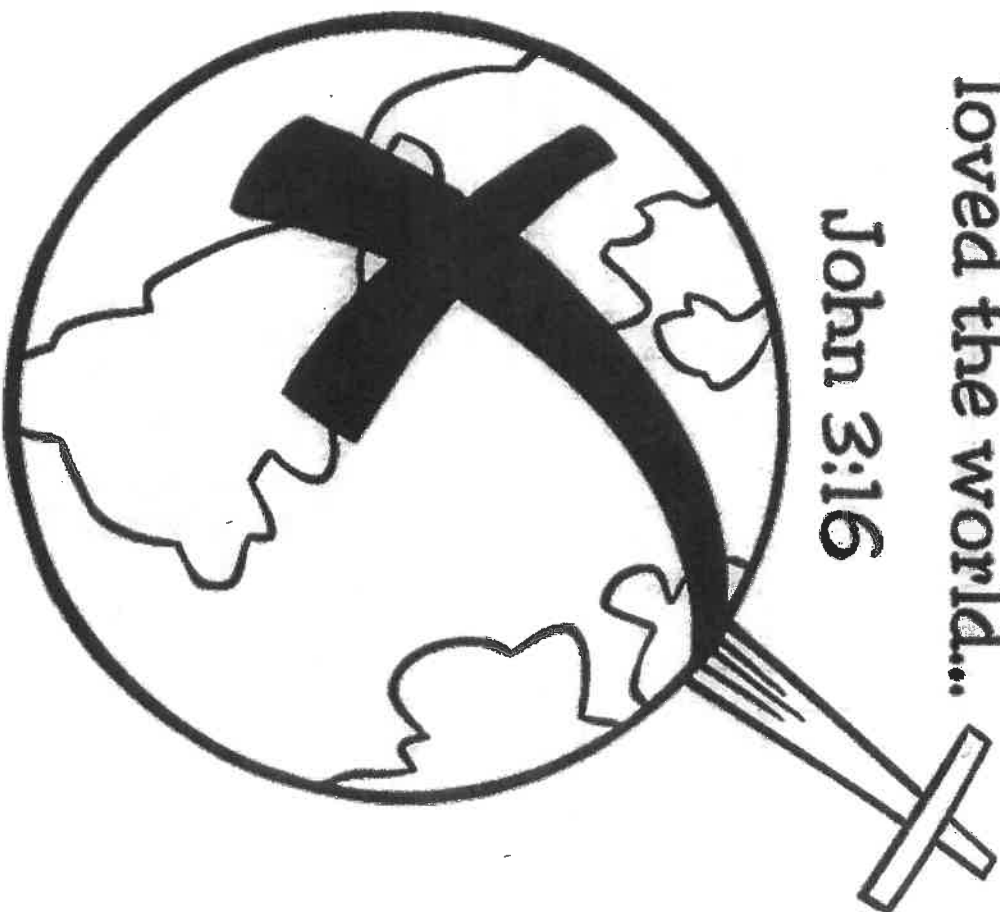


# Coloring Page

For God so

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John 3:16



HOW CAN YOU MEASURE GOD'S LOVE?

For God so  
loved the world...

John 3:16



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whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.  
John 3:16 (NIV)**