

Hello parents everywhere. Good News! The world is finally doing something together. Yes, we are suffering together but we are also helping and encouraging each other using the gifts God has been continually establishing into us and our world. Whether it is medical, chemical engineering, manufacturing, transportation, technology, teaching, cell phones or zoom etc., God is reaching out with immeasurable love.

We are giving not only to countries that have been neglected or forgotten, but even to countries most of us have never heard of before. God is reaching out with immeasurable love.

Through our actions, He is orchestrating a global restoration of a world He loves more than we can know. The last time we have such a recording of history is Noah's Ark. That event is also recorded in several different religious, as well as secular, history books. All depictions tell of a world that was destroyed by a great flood and out of that catastrophe a new world was born. God is reaching out with immeasurable love.

Last week we commemorated the first anniversary of the announcement that Covid 19 was officially a Global Pandemic. As we mourn those we have lost and pray they are safe in God's hands, we also remember that through the death and resurrection of His beloved son Jesus, God's love for us is immeasurable!!!

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Blessings to all

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**Enjoy the Children's Activities attached for age appropriate stories, crafts and songs.**

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**Theme;** God's love is immeasurable! March 14

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**Kids; Talk Object;** A measuring cup, a tape measure, and a watch



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

Sometimes we use a measuring cup to measure things. If I were making some cookies, I would use a measuring cup to make sure that I put in exactly the right amount of flour, sugar, and milk. 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 don't guess we could use a measuring cup to measure it.

If we were building something, we might use a tape measure to measure the length, width, and height of different things. 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?

We use a watch to measure time. There will probably be some people here this morning who will use their watch 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 don't guess we could 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 die 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)

Heavenly Father, 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. Amen.

## Measuring God's Love Group Activities

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.

**OBJECTS TO MEASURE RELAY:** Give each child a ruler or measuring tape and a list of 5 things to measure. Objects to measure can be a table, a light switch, a Bible, a pencil and a window or door. A fun item to measure would be the shoes of each member of the group or the height of each member. The first child who returns with the correct answers will be the winner. Or you can ADD up all the numbers for the final count to choose a winner.

**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!

Sing a Song:

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty,  
There's nothing my God cannot do.

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty,  
There's nothing my God cannot do.

The mountains are His, the valleys are His,  
The stars are his handiwork too.

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty,  
There's nothing my God cannot do. For you, and you and you and me.

# Jesus



# Loves Me

# For God So Loved the World

## John 3:16 (NIV)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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. John 3:16 (NIV)

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

- 2-25-1-15-17-15-16 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2-1-16-23-5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4-1-5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 18-15-23-7-15-17-15-3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4-20-17-15 \_\_\_\_\_
- 23-7-14-15 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3-1-24 \_\_\_\_\_
- 15-9-15-16-24-20-23 \_\_\_\_\_
- 23-1-17-15-5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 12-15-16-7-3-25 \_\_\_\_\_
- 1-24-23-26 \_\_\_\_\_

### CHECK YOUR ANSWERS

God	gave	whoever	eternal
loved	only	believes	life
world	Son	perish	

# God So Loved the World

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The puzzle is based on John 3:16-17

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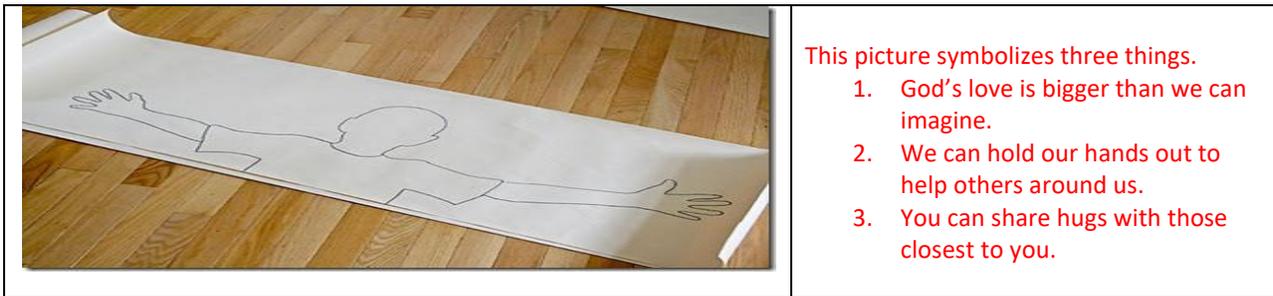
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PERISH	ETERNAL	GAVE	HIM	WORLD

# God Made the World Maze

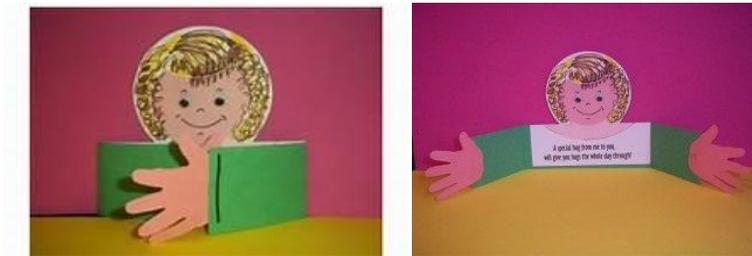
Find your way through the heavens.



**"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life." John 3:16**



**Craft #1 -You will need;** Shelf paper or wrapping paper or an old paper map or a newspaper taped together. Trace yourself on top of the map or paper with arms open wide. Write on the top; "John 3:16" You may write the whole verse or just the first half. It is the best verse in the whole bible!!!!



**Craft #2- You will need;** 1. A small paper plate or circle the size of a bread and butter plate. (Draw your face and hair, or use wool for hair,) 2. One piece of coloured construction paper cut lengthwise in half. (Glue them together to make your long arms) 3. Flesh coloured construction paper (with your handprints drawn and cut out.) Write a message such as "God loves you and I love you too." Send it to someone who needs cheering up.



**You will need;** Craft 1; pink and purple hearts, an accordion nose, google eyes (or drawn on) a circle for the face. Send this card to someone who needs cheering up.

Craft 2: A small mirror, cardboard 2 ½ inches x 5 inches. Fold with two folds in the center to make a higher top cover. This will allow the mirror to sit evenly on the bottom cover. Decorate and give to someone who needs cheering up.

**CLOCK REMINDER:** 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 Psalm 103:17 around the outside edge of their clock, or in the middle of the clock. 'GOD'S LOVE LASTS FOREVER!'. Give to someone special.