

READ JOHN 21:15-17

DAY 1

Jesus often spoke of Himself as a Shepherd and of those He loves as sheep. It may seem funny but when He asked Peter to feed and take care of His sheep, He was really asking Peter to love those He loves—and that's everyone!

Ask a parent for a cotton ball and some glue. Pull the cotton ball into the shape of a sheep and glue it on your map, near the word *FRIENDSHIP*. Draw a head, legs and a tail on your sheep. Every time you see the sheep, remember to love others the way Jesus did.

THANK Jesus for showing us how to love others.

READ 1 JOHN 4:7

DAY 2

God is the creator of everything, including love! He loves us so much that His love pours into our lives and out to others. Grab a jar or a small glass. Then get some small LEGO blocks or a bunch of coins.

Think through all of the ways God loves you, and say them out loud. For each way that God loves you, put a block or coin in the jar.

Every time this week that you experience a situation that shows you that God loves you, try to put it in the jar. When it finally starts to overflow, go share that love with someone else by doing something kind and loving.

ASK God to show you all the ways that He loves you.

READ 1 PETER 1:22

DAY 3

It's easy to say, "I love you." It's harder to show someone love. When we show others love, it usually requires a sacrifice on our part. We have to give something of ourselves for others to really feel loved by us. There are lots of ways to love others. Fill in the blanks below with your own ideas.

SHARING your _____ with your friend.

GIVING the biggest _____ to your brother, sister or cousin.

HELPING your mom, dad or grandparents _____.

PRAYING for _____, who isn't always nice to you.

ASKING your friend _____ how their day was before you tell them about yours.

WRITING a note to _____ to thank them for _____.

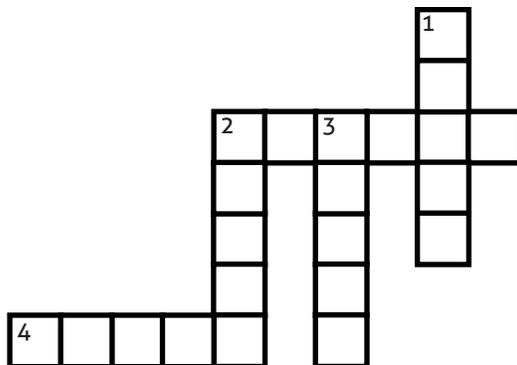
What do all of the capital words have in common? "ING!" Love is actually DO-ING something. It's a verb—an action word.

LOOK for creative ways to show love to others today.

READ JOHN 5:12-13

DAY 4

Jesus took love to a whole 'nother level—He went so far as to give His life for us, because we were His friends. It's impossible to love anyone more than giving up your life for them. But there are many other ways we can put others first. Come up with a way you can love others by giving up something in each of the categories below. But you'll have to do the crossword first! (*Ask someone in your family for help if you get stuck.*)



ACROSS

- 2 What we are good at doing
- 4 How we feel about our family and close friends

DOWN

- 1 What we use to buy things
- 2 We know this by looking at a clock
- 3 We are each given one of these to live

After you do, draw a small picture on your map near the word *FRIENDSHIP* to illustrate what you gave up to show love.

KNOW that giving something up is a way to show love.

Answer Key: Across 2. talent 4. love Down 1. money 2. time 3. life