

HOPE *is* BORN

ADVENT WEEK FOUR: LOVE

Scripture Focus:

1 Corinthians 13:4-13

John 3:16-17

Devotion Recap:

- The Bible has a lot to say about love. Paul gives us a beautiful description of what love looks like in real life in 1 Corinthians 13.
- Faith, hope, and love remain—but **the greatest of these is love.**
- John 3:16 is the Christmas verse we often forget! It reveals the very heart of God.
- Jesus came, took on flesh, and lived among us because **God loves us deeply, eternally, sacrificially.**
- Christmas is all because God loves you.
- Love isn't based on feelings, it is rooted in God's unchanging truth and character.
- May we echo Evy's sentiment in all we think, say, and do this Christmas season: "God, You love us and we love you back."

Conversation Starters

Use these questions to help your family reflect on the true meaning of God's love.

1. **When you think about people who have loved you well, who do you think of?**

2. **What is love?**

How have you seen real love shown in words or actions?

3. **How do you know God loves you?**

4. **Why is Christmas the perfect expression of God's love?**

5. **How can our family show love to each other in our home this week? How can our family show love to others outside of our home this week?**



*see next page for family activities.

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Family Christmas Activities

Each activity connects your family to the theme of LOVE.
Choose one or try all three throughout the week.

1. Heart Ornament Craft

Create simple paper hearts with John 3:16 written inside.
Hang them on the tree as reminders of God's love given through Christ.

2. Family Love Letters

Write short notes to each family member naming one thing you love about them.
Read them together at dinner or bedtime.

3. Christmas Card Craft

Choose one person to send a special Christmas Card. Create it from scratch or purchase a premade card, but be intentional with the message. Remind them that they are loved and be specific in telling them what you love and appreciate about them. Don't have time to create a card? Send a text or email that reminds them they are loved!

Worship:

Listen to these Christmas Carols and Worship Songs to go along with this week's Advent Devotion:

- "O Come All Ye Faithful"
- "Behold" by Phil Wickham
- "Adore" by Chris Tomlin
- "I Love You Lord (To My King)" by Gatherhouse Music
- "God So Loved" by We the Kingdom
- "His Mercy is More" by Matt Boswell/Matt Papa

*FOR GOD SO LOVED
THE WORLD...*

