





# John Teaches Christian Love

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## Lesson Focus

John wrote to the believers so they could have confidence in their faith and recognize true children of God. Christians will be known by their love for God, shown through obedience to his commandments, and their love for each other, shown through sacrificial service in imitation of Christ's love demonstrated on the cross.

## Key Passages

**Grades 2–3:** 1 John 2:15–16, 3:16–18, 4:7–11, 5:1–3

**Grades 4–5:** 1 John 2:9–10, 2:15–16, 3:16–18, 4:7–11, 5:1–3;  
3 John 1:5–8

## What You Heard in the Word

- ▶ John wrote to believers with the command to love one another because God is love and demonstrated his love by sending his Son, Jesus, to die for our sins.
- ▶ Christians should be characterized by their love for one another, love for God, and obedience to his commandments. Sacrificial love should be shown through actions, such as meeting practical needs and showing hospitality.

