



AMAZONIA



Week 2

Day 1: Love Begins with God

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:7-8

Devotional:

Have you ever had someone give you a hug when you were sad, or share their snack when you forgot yours? That's love in action! Did you know that love like that comes from God? John, one of Jesus' closest friends, tells us that all true love comes from God. That means when we feel loved—or when we show love—we're experiencing something that began with God.

Why? Because God is love. It's not just something He does—it's who He is. This means that everything God does is loving. His rules are loving. His help is loving. Even when He corrects us, it's done in love. And because we are His children, God wants us to love others just like He does. When we love, we show the world who God is! Loving others isn't just something we should do or are asked to do...it should just be natural for us to love others because we've experienced the love of God.

Discussion:

1. What are some ways you've felt God's love this week?
2. How can you show love to someone this week?

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for being love. Help me to remember that all good love comes from You. Teach me to love others the way You love them. Amen.

Welcome to week 2 of our Amazonia devo! This week we are focusing on how God is loving! God doesn't just love us...He IS love. The reason we can love and be loved is because of Him.

Day 2: God Showed His Love First

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:9-10

Devotional:

Have you ever had to be the first one to say, "I'm sorry," or "I love you"? Being the first to say those words can be really hard, especially if you're not sure how the other person will respond. But guess what? That's exactly what God did for us. He didn't wait until we were perfect. He didn't wait until we stopped sinning or until we said, "I love You" first. God loved us first—even when we didn't deserve it, even when we were ignoring Him, even when we were going our own way. And God didn't just say, "I love you" with words.

He showed His love in the most incredible, powerful, and generous way possible. He sent His one and only Son—Jesus—into the world. Jesus, who had never sinned, came down from Heaven to be with us. He lived a perfect life, teaching people, healing the sick, helping the poor, and showing us what love looks like. But Jesus didn't stop there. Because He loves us so much, He took the punishment for our sins—the wrong things we've done. He died on the cross so we could be forgiven and brought back into a close friendship with God.

Discussion:

1. Why did God send Jesus to us?
2. How does it make you feel to know that God loved you first?

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for loving me first. Thank You for sending Jesus to save me. I don't have to earn Your love...it's a gift! Amen.



Day 3: Loving Others Shows God's Love

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:11-12

Devotional:

Have you ever gotten a really amazing gift—something that made you so happy you couldn't wait to tell someone about it? When you get something that special, you want to share it. That's exactly how it is with God's love. It's the greatest gift we could ever receive. God's love fills us with joy, peace, forgiveness, and hope. It reminds us that we belong to Him and that we are never alone.

But here's something really important to understand: God didn't give us His love just so we could feel good—He gave it so we could pass it on. In 1 John 4, the Bible tells us that when we love others, it proves something amazing: God is living inside us. His love changes us from the inside out. It's kind of like a flashlight. If you've ever tried to use a flashlight without batteries, you know it doesn't work—it won't shine. But as soon as you put in the batteries, the light turns on and shines brightly in the dark. God's love is like those batteries. Without Him, we can't truly shine.

Discussion:

1. Who do you know that needs love or kindness?
2. What's one loving thing you can do for them this week?

Prayer:

Dear God, fill my heart with Your perfect love. Help me share it with others, even when it's hard. Thank You for loving me. Amen.

Day 4: Perfect Love Drives Out Fear

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:18-19

Devotional:

Everyone feels afraid sometimes—of the dark, of being alone, or of trying something new. But here's the good news: God's love is stronger than our fears. John says that perfect love (that's God's love!) drives out fear. It's like turning on a light in a dark room. When God's love fills your heart, you can trust that He's with you—no matter what. You're never alone. You're always loved. And when you feel safe in God's love, you can be brave. You can try new things, face challenges, and love others—even when it's not easy—because you know you are secure in God's arms. We need to choose to focus on God's love for us instead of focusing on our fears and worries. God sees us and knows us and He loves us very very deeply and unconditionally.

Activity:

Create a "Love One Another" chart. Make a list of people in your life that you could love and serve (for example: family members, next-door neighbors, friends, church leaders, or teachers). Make a list of kind things you can do this week for some of the people you wrote down. Check off the things on your list as you go! Have fun loving people!

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for Your perfect love. When I'm afraid, help me to remember that You're with me. Amen.

Memory Verse

"Lord God, with your great power you made the earth and the sky. There is nothing too hard for you to do."

Jeremiah 32:17 (ERV)

