

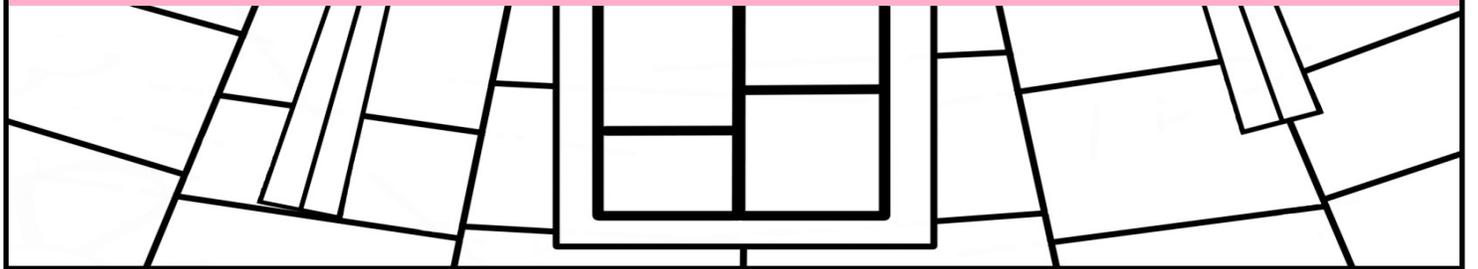
Loving God

Adult Friend Coloring Devotions

WEEK 4



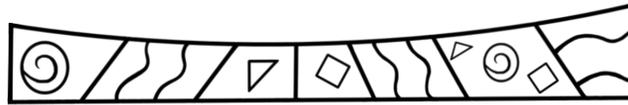
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SUNDAY

BIBLE VERSE

He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love him with all your strength and with all your mind."
Luke 10:27 (NIRV)



Why should we love God? He first showed us His love for every one of us by creating us in His image. Then we sinned and were condemned to death; but God loved us SO much, He sent Jesus as the payment for our sins! With our sins paid in full, we are able to go to heaven and spend eternity with Him. We should love God as much as He loves us.



PRAYER

*Dear God, thank You for loving us so much!
Help us to love You and glorify You in our
everyday lives. Thank You for sending Jesus
to pay the price of our sins, so that we will see
You in heaven one day. I love You, Lord.
Amen.*

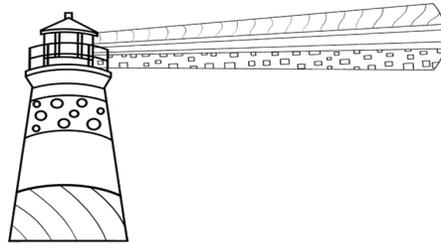
Frank Bianchi

MONDAY

BIBLE VERSE

But if anyone obeys God's word,
then that person truly loves God.
Here is how we know we belong
to Him. Those who claim to
belong to Him must live as Jesus.

1 John 2:5-6 (NIRV)



How do we show God our love for Him?
God knows we love Him when we obey
His word. We learn what God expects
from us when we study the Bible. God
sent His Son, Jesus, to show us how to
live. We live like Jesus when we
worship God, pray to God and serve
others. We also show we love God by
loving one another.

PRAYER



*Dear God, thank You for sending
Your Son, Jesus, to teach us how to
love You. I love You, Lord. Amen.*

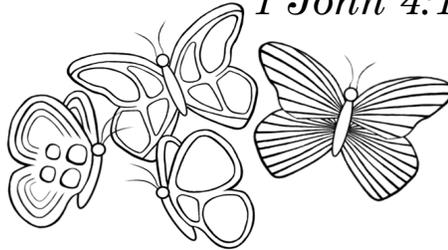
Kathy Cooper

TUESDAY

BIBLE VERSE

We love because He loved us first.

1 John 4:19 (NIRV)



In the Bible, God shows His love for many different people. God showed His love for the Israelites by taking them out of Egypt, providing for them in desert, and bringing them into the Promised Land. He showed His love for King David, even after David made some mistakes. And God showed His love for the world by sending Jesus to save us from our sins. Jesus also showed love for people by healing them, spending time with them, and of course dying for them! The love of God is incredible, especially since we don't deserve it. Remember how much God loves you, and all the blessings He has given you!

PRAYER



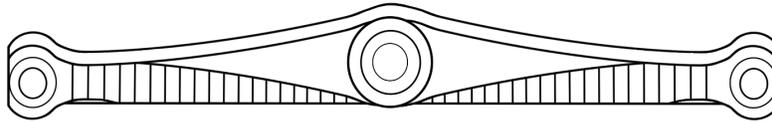
Dear God, help me to always remember Your love for me, and all the blessings You give me.

I love You, Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY

BIBLE VERSE

But here is what I tell you. Love your enemies.
Pray for those who hurt you. *Matthew 5:44 (NIRV)*



Loving God also means loving others. Jesus tells us in the Bible to do this. Some people are easy to love, but some are not. How can we love those who aren't very loving? On our own, we can't do this. But when we ask God for help, He can give us the compassion we need to love people who aren't very lovable. We can look to Jesus as the best example of this: He prayed for God to forgive those who were crucifying Him on the cross. Jesus showed that loving others, even when they don't love us, is very important. The next time someone is mean to you, pray for God to give you the strength to love that person, and forgive them.

PRAYER



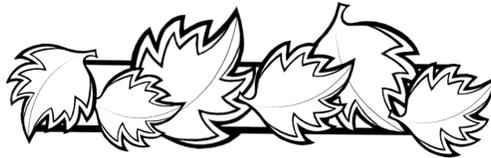
Dear God, I want to love others, as You love me. But sometimes people can be mean, and it is hard to love them. When I have a hard time loving others, please give me compassion for them. Help me remember You loved those who hurt you. I love You, Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY

BIBLE VERSE

You are my friends if you do what I command.

John 15:14 (NIRV)



God loved us first. Let's make sure we love Him back! It is important to not only say that we love God, but to show it by our actions. When we are humble, kind, fair, and loyal to others, we are loving God. Jesus said that we are His friend when we do what He commands. God's love must be bigger than the ocean since He allows us to call Him friend.

PRAYER



Dear God, You have told us what goodness is and have given us the command to love You and others. Give us Your Holy Spirit so that we can do what You ask. Give us a heart that is humble, kind, and loving. We love You because You first loved us. I love You, Lord. Amen.

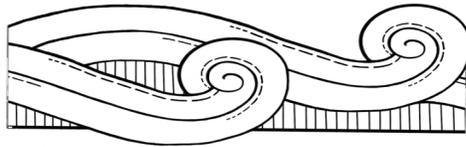
Julie Oehme

FRIDAY

BIBLE VERSE

May the Lord fill your hearts with God's love.
May Christ give you the strength to go on.

2 Thessalonians 3:5 (NIRV)



How can you show the love of God in your life? Sometimes showing God's love can be in a big way, and sometimes it can be small. You could do a big service project, like helping to build a house for someone who needs a place to live. Or, you could simply listen to your friend who is sad. Big or small, letting God's love shine out in your life shows others that you love God, and they can know His love, too.

PRAYER



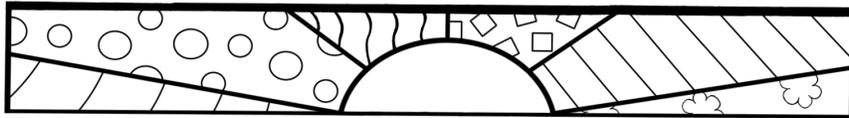
*Dear God, I want to show everyone Your love. Give me opportunities to shine out Your love in my life, so that others will come to know You, too. I love You, Lord.
Amen.*

SATURDAY

BIBLE VERSE

The three most important things to have are faith, hope and love. But the greatest of them is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13 (NIRV)



We were made to love God, and be in a relationship with Him. Sadly, because of sin that relationship was broken. It is only through the blood of Jesus Christ that we can come back to God. Many times the world distracts us from loving God, and we take our focus off Him. How can we keep loving God? Going to church, reading the Bible, praying, and being with other believers are some great ways to keep focused on God. These things help us to remember how much God loves us. What are other ways you can love God every day?

PRAYER



Dear God, so many times I forget about You, and how much You love me. Please remind me every day of Your love, and help me to focus back on You. I love You, Lord. Amen.