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Dear Parents,

If we were to boil all of God's attributes down into one word, we'd very likely land on the word "love." God's plan for humankind was motivated by love for us! If your students are going to continue to grow closer to Christ, God's love is a concept that needs to take deep root in their life.

We will soon begin a new study called *God's Love that I pray will make a big impact on your child's understanding of who God is.* Over the course of this study, your child will learn how God's love is at the very center of His identity, how Christ's atoning death on the cross is the most complete expression of God's love, and how he or she is called to be known by the love he or she shows to others.

Below you'll see some tips on what you can be doing to help your child better understand the concept of God's Love and why it's so vital to our faith.

- Pray for your child each week, and for the others in his or her Tribe.
- Visit our website at www.thepointym.com and click on [What We're Teaching](#). There you'll find *Weekly Conversation Starters* to help you engage your child about what he or she is learning.
- Look for ways to improve the communication between you and your child, especially as it pertains to spiritual matters.

Thank you for letting me be a part of your child's spiritual growth. And thank you for the investments you make in his or her life each day. Please continue to pray for our ministry. You can be sure I'm praying for you!



Week 1: *It's Just God Being God*

Main Point: *God is love. He can't help it. That's just who He is. And He never fails to prove it.*

Scripture: *Psalm 86:1-5; 1 John 4:7-8; Psalm 33:4-5; Psalm 143:7-8*

Summary: *In this discussion, we focused on helping students understand that God's unfailing love is an essential aspect of His character, and how this understanding changes how they relate to God.*

1. What would you say is your most identifiable characteristic? Is there something that you're known for?
2. What is a characteristic for which you WISH you were identified.
3. What is God's most identifiable characteristic?
4. What is special about God's love?
5. How does God demonstrate His love toward us?

Week 2: *Love's Perfect Expression*

Main Point: *Nothing says "Unfailing Love" like Jesus Christ!*

Scripture: *Romans 5:6-8; John 3:16-17; Romans 8:35-39*

Summary: *In this discussion, we focused on helping students see that God's unfailing love is most fully expressed through Christ, and how this perfect expression of love impacts their identity.*

1. What are some things, foods, hobbies, places, etc., that you often say you "LOVE?"
2. How do you express your love for this thing, food, hobby, place, etc.?
3. Last time you learned that God is love. How does God express his love for us?
4. Does God only love us when we are "being good?"
5. Have you ever told your friends about Jesus? What was that like?

Week 3: *Loving Outward*

Main Point: *They will know you are Christians by your love.*

Scripture: *John 13:33-35; 1 John 3:16-18*

Summary: *In this discussion, we focused on helping students understand that God's love for them sets in motion their love for others, and how this love is practically lived out in their daily lives.*

1. What do you think sacrificial love looks like in our world? Have you ever seen anyone demonstrate this kind of love?
2. Why do you think it may be difficult for us to show this kind of love to others? Is this hard for you?
3. How do you think loving like Christ loved us can show the gospel to those who don't know Christ?