



Tree House Love Parent Guide

Memory Verse: "We love because God first loved us."
1 John 4:19 NLT

Week 1

Your child learned that God is Love. They learned that Jesus told the lawyer that he must love the Lord with all his heart, soul, strength and mind and then love his neighbor as himself.

Read: Luke 10:25-27

Activity: Play with dominoes with your child. Build a line of dominoes standing up. When you are ready, tell the child that they may knock over the first one to create a chain reaction, knocking all of the other dominoes over. Discuss how the others wouldn't fall without the first one falling. Discuss the memory verse (1 John 4:19) and how just like the dominoes, we cannot love (fall) on our own. We love because God first loved us.

Week 2

This week your child learned that Jesus taught a man to love his neighbor as himself. They heard about two men who taught others about God but didn't love their neighbors well or help others in times of need.

Read: Luke 10:25-32

Activity: Pray together and thank God for loving us and teaching us how to love. Ask God to help you seek Him instead of your own plans and to have eyes for our neighbors in need. Ask God to remind you that He is love and we can love because He first loved us.

Week 3

Today, your child learned about the "Good Samaritan". They learned that he loved his neighbor well and cared for him with his time, energy, and money. Because of social rules, the Samaritan man was the least likely to care for the abandoned man, but he was the one who loved him and cared for him best.

Read: Luke 10:25-37

Activity: Discuss with your child people they have in mind to love on after hearing about how God calls us to love others. Brainstorm other people that the child may not know but can still show God's love to. Some ideas can come through Grace Church Culturally Engaged programs such as "Orphans and Vulnerable Children", "Senior Honor" and more. Discuss ways to love others through physical gifts, care, support, prayer, and community. Make a list of ways your child is interested in loving others and make time each month to explore ways to live these out.