

# God's Love Is Unconditional

## MEMORY VERSE:

**I John 4:7,** *"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God."*  
(KJV)

## TAKE HOME POINT:

God is love.

### ▶ TO THE TEACHER:

There are three points to this lesson:

1. God is love. Our behavior does not change God's love.
2. God's love is unconditional, it cannot be earned.
3. There is no end to God's love. There is plenty to go around.

**God is love.** The Bible says, "nothing can separate us from the love of God." Even if I sin or do bad things, God continues to love me. When I make mistakes He continues to believe the best of me. My behavior does not change the love of God. Nothing can change God's love, because God is love.

**God's love is unconditional.** The blessings of God are conditional. If I choose to obey God the Bible says I will be blessed. If I choose to disobey God, bad things will happen, but God does not cause bad things to happen. My actions caused the bad things to happen. The blessings of God are conditional, but God's love is unconditional. There is nothing I can do to earn God's love. Just like a parent loves a little baby, God loves us simply because we are His kids. A baby doesn't do anything to earn the love of his parents. We can't do anything to earn God's love.

**There is no end to God's love.** The Bible says "His mercy endures forever." God is omnipresent. He is not limited by space and time like our parents. There is no end to God, so there is no end to His love. His supply of love will never run out. If we see God do something good for somebody else we don't have to get jealous. There is plenty of His love to go around.



SUPERCHURCH 2.0



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## LARGE GROUP SCHEDULE

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Lead Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

WHO	LESSON OUTLINE	WHAT
_____	1. Participation Awards	
_____	2. Praise & Worship	
_____	3. Announcements	
_____	4. Offering	
_____	5. Motion Comic:	Adventures of the Masked Hero #1
_____	6. Bottom Line:	God is love
_____	7. Memory Verse:	I John 4:7, "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God."
_____	8. Drama:	Not Too Bright: "God Has Cooties"
_____	9. Object Lesson:	Good & Plenty
_____	10. Short Film:	Lovestruck
_____	11. Inter-Active Lesson:	Make Me Laugh
_____	12. Digital Review Questions	

MOTION COMIC

# The Adventures of the Masked Hero

## Agape: Episode #1

▶ TO THE TEACHER:

**Goal:** get the kids to laugh and introduce the lesson.

- At the conclusion of the Digital Comic Book, Johnny asks the question **“What is the Bottom Line?”** Words pop up one at a time. Encourage your kids to guess the Bottom Line as the words pop up.

- Next Commissioner Thornton asks the question **“What is the Memory Verse?”** Again words pop up one at a time.

- It is motivating to reward the first child to guess the Bottom Line and Memory Verse.



Panel 1



Panel 2



Panel 3



Panel 4



**DRAMA**

***Not Too Bright: "God Has Cooties"***

**TAKE HOME POINT:**

God is love

**CHARACTERS:**

Not Too Bright  
Teacher  
Girl

**PROPS:**

Yellow dish gloves  
Dust mask  
Hair net or shower cap  
Goggles  
Flowers

**Drama Script:**

(Not Too Bright enters wearing his protective gear)

Teacher: Not Too Bright! What on earth are you wearing?

NTB: This is my protective gear!

Teacher: Protective gear? It looks like a bunch of junk!

NTB: Oh, no! This is state of the art equipment here! (Nods) Uh-huh! No cooties are gonna get this guy!

Teacher: Cooties?

NTB: Yup! And if you were as smart as me, you would buy some protective gear for yourself!

Teacher: I'm not going to waste my money on protective gear.

NTB: (Defensive) Well, you can't have mine!

Teacher: No! I'm not going to take yours either! I don't need gear to protect me from cooties! There are no such things as cooties!

NTB: Yes, there are! God has them!

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## ***Not Too Bright: "God Has Cooties" Drama Script — Continued***

Teacher: What?! Where did you hear that?

NTB: You said it!

Teacher: I never said that!

NTB: Yup! You said that God is love!

Teacher: That doesn't mean God has cooties!

NTB: Yes it does! Love is for little sissy girls! And girls have cooties! So that means if God is love that He has cooties!

Teacher: God is love does not mean that He has cooties! It means that He is everything that love is! God expresses all the characteristics of love!

NTB: Alright Mr. Smarty pants! What characteristics does love have?

Teacher: Love is patient. Love is kind. Love is not proud or rude. It does not seek its own will... (cut off by NTB)

NTB: And it has cooties!

Teacher: No it doesn't! Love is only good things!

NTB: And cooties! And since God is everywhere... (Growing panicked) The cooties must be everywhere too! This is a national emergency!

Teacher: Not Too Bright! God is love, and he has only good things for us! He is not going to infect us with cooties!

NTB: I can tell that you don't want my advice and superior insight on these things, so I am just going to leave!

Teacher: (Relieved) Ok. Goodbye then.

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## ***Not Too Bright: "God Has Cooties" Drama Script — Continued***

- NTB: You'll see! You'll all see! When the cooties come and you aren't prepared, you can't say I didn't warn you!
- Girl: (Stands up from the back of the classroom) Hey, Not Too Bright! (She crosses to the front of the room)
- NTB: Stay back little girl!
- Girl: But I wanted to show you God's love. So I got you this flower!
- Teacher: Well, that's nice.
- NTB: NO! STAY BACK!
- Teacher: She just wants to give you a flower.
- NTB: She just wants to give me cooties!
- Girl: (Approaches and puts the flower in his face) It smells really nice.
- NTB: No! (Runs away) Oh the cooties!
- Girl: (Runs after him) But God loves you!
- Teacher: (Laughs) Goodbye, Not Too Bright!

*The End*

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**OBJECT LESSON** *Good & Plenty*

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** James 1:17, Psalm 106:1

**TAKE HOME POINT:** God’s love is good and there is plenty to go around.

**WHAT YOU NEED:** 1 large box of Good and Plenty

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

- Our prayer is that every time they see Good and Plenty they think about how good God’s love is.
- In each lesson of Agape there is an object lesson that involves candy. The same candy is also in the short film. If you have the resources you can buy a small size of that specific candy for the kids to take home.

**OBJECT LESSON APPLICATION:**

(Hold up the large box of Good and Plenty - the bigger the better.)

When I was a kid one of my favorite candies was Good and Plenty. (Open the box of candy and begin to eat some.)

Mmmmm. This candy is go good, because it has licorice on the inside. (Continue to talk about how good the candy is, but do not give any to the kids - yet.)

Don’t you guys think this is good candy? Everytime I see Good and Plenty candy it reminds me of God’s love. God’s love is good and there is plenty to go around. The Bible says this “Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.” Do you know what mercy means? It means that God’s love and forgiveness has no end. There is nothing we can do to make God stop loving us. There is no sin that we can do that God can’t forgive, because God is love and His love endures forever.

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## ***Good & Plenty Object Lesson — Continued***

(Start to hand out candy as you preach.)

Do you remember what Jesus said about the men that nailed Him to the cross? How would you like to have been one of the guys that crucified the son of God, the kindest person that ever lived on the planet. That would be a horrible sin. What did Jesus say about them? “Father, forgive them for they don’t know what they are doing.” Is that how you would pray for someone who was killing you? I don’t think so. Most of us would try to call down fire from heaven to consume our enemy. How was Jesus able to forgive the people that murdered Him? There is no end to the love of God.

(At this point you want your box to be empty, but make sure some kids did not get any candy.)

Oh, my! I am out of Good and Plenty! It is all gone. That is a bummer. Some of you did not get any candy. The really good news is that God’s love never runs out like this box of candy did. There is no end to His love. There is always plenty to go around.



## INTER-ACTIVE OBJECT LESSON

## *Make Me Laugh*

- **WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:** *God's love is unconditional.*
- **WHAT YOU NEED:** 3 comedians - people that are funny, adults or kids. Let them know ahead of time what they will be doing.
- **PREPARATION:**
  - Select 2 boys and 2 girls to be contestants in the "Make Me Laugh" game.
  - Have the four contestants wait in the hallway and bring them in one at a time.
  - The comedians get 60 seconds to try and make the contestant laugh.
  - They can do anything they want, but they cannot touch the contestants.
  - The winner is the first kid who does not laugh and makes it through all three comedians.

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### **SPIRITUAL APPLICATION:**

You will want to talk about how hard it was to get the winner to laugh. It seemed like no matter what any of the comedians did, they couldn't get him to laugh. This reminds me of God's love. No matter what we do good or bad, God's love for us never changes because He is love. No matter what we did to the winner, we couldn't make him laugh. No matter what we do to God we can't make Him stop loving us.



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## DIGITAL REVIEW QUESTIONS

NEEDED: Review Prizes (penny candy for right answers)

### ▶ TO THE TEACHER:

The **Digital Review Questions** are a part of "The Masked Hero" download.

Once you get to the Memory Verse, then **PAUSE** the video.

After you have done your teaching then **PLAY** the Digital Review Questions.

You can turn this into a **Review Game** by rewarding kids for correct answers.

1. God's love is \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. understandable  
**b. unconditional**  
c. like shampoo and conditioner  
d. unbelievable
2. The blessings of God are conditional.  
**a. True**  
b. False  
c. Sometimes  
d. Never
3. There is no \_\_\_\_\_ to God's love.  
a. reason  
b. understanding  
**c. end**  
d. beginning
4. God loves good people more than bad people.  
a. True  
**b. False**  
c. If He feels like it  
d. It depends on how bad they are
5. God is good and His \_\_\_\_ endures forever.  
a. motorcycle  
b. anger  
**c. mercy**  
d. temple



# God's Love Is Unconditional

## PROP LIST (Props, supplies, costumes and characters)

\_\_\_\_\_ Participation Awards (Large candy bars or prizes)

\_\_\_\_\_ How many needed?

\_\_\_\_\_ Review Prizes (penny candy)

### Not Too Bright: "God Has Cooties" — Pages 4-6

#### Characters

\_\_\_\_\_ Not Too Bright

\_\_\_\_\_ Teacher

\_\_\_\_\_ Girl

#### Props

\_\_\_\_\_ Yellow dish gloves

\_\_\_\_\_ Dust mask

\_\_\_\_\_ Hair net or shower cap

\_\_\_\_\_ Goggles

\_\_\_\_\_ Flower

### Object Lesson: Your Will — Pages 7-8

\_\_\_\_\_ 1 large box of Good and Plenty

### Inter-Active Lesson: Make Me Laugh — Page 9

No Props Needed

### Small Group Club: Water is Water & God Is Love

\_\_\_\_\_ Ice cubes in a bowl

\_\_\_\_\_ Bottle of water

\_\_\_\_\_ How many needed

### Special Edition: Pastoring Your Kids

\_\_\_\_\_ How many needed

### FEATURED CANDY THIS WEEK:

- *Good and Plenty*
- *We suggest if you have the resources to purchase small boxes to give the children.*

# SPECIAL EDITION

## *Pastoring Your Kids*

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### PLANNING YOUR WEEK:

# 1

Sunday

**CHURCH TIME**

# 2

Monday or Tuesday

**BIBLE TIME**

# 3

Thursday or Friday

**FAMILY TIME**

WEEK 1

**AGAPE**  
**GOD'S LOVE**  
**IS UNCONDITIONAL**

### **MEMORY VERSE:**

1 John 4:7, "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God." (KJV)

### **BOTTOM LINE**

God is love.

## 2. BIBLE TIME

### READ:

- 1 John 4:7-8
- John 3:16
- 1 John 3:16

### MAIN POINT:

*God is love. He demonstrated His love by sending His only son to die on the cross for us. We cannot earn God's love and there is nothing we can do to keep Him from loving us. No matter what we do, God's love for us is unconditional and it never changes.*

### QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. Do you love the people in your family (your mom, dad or siblings)?
2. Do you ever get mad at your parents, brothers or sisters? When you are mad at them do you still love them?
3. Do you think there is anything you could do to make your mom and dad stop loving you?
4. Do you think there is anything you could do to make God stop loving you?

### DISCUSS:

- Your friends, or even your brother or sister can like you one minute and be mad at you the next. God is not like people.
- He loves us unconditionally. Jesus was the perfect example of love in that He gave His own life for ours.
- His sacrificial love has made it possible for us to spend eternity with our Father in heaven that loves us.

## 3. FAMILY TIME

### LAUGH OUT LOUD

#### MAIN POINT:

*God loves us no matter what!*

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

A chair, a clock with second hand, and a small prize

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- The goal of the game is to be the last person to start laughing.
- Pick one person to be "it"; that person has to sit in a chair in the middle of the family.
- Each family member has to take turns trying to make the person who is it, laugh.
- Time the person who is "it" to see how long they can make it without laughing.

- The person who can make it the longest wins the game – the winner gets the prize!

#### AFTER THE GAME:

- Talk about how easy it was to get some people to laugh, and how hard it was to get the winner to laugh. It seemed like no matter what everyone did, they had a hard time getting them to laugh.
- God's love for us is unconditional. No matter what we do, good or bad, God's love for us never changes because He IS love. We can't do anything good enough to make Him love us more, and we can't do anything bad enough to make Him love us less.
- No matter what we did to make the winner of "Laugh Out Loud" laugh it couldn't be done – no matter what we do to God we can't make Him stop loving us!

God's love for us is no joke!



## 3. SMALL GROUP Lesson

### WATER IS WATER & GOD IS LOVE

**PROPS NEEDED:** Ice cubes in a bowl and a bottle of water

#### LESSON:

- Pass the bowl of ice cubes around the circle allowing the kids to each take an ice cube.
- As they are holding their ice cube they will start to melt.
- Show the kids the bottle of water. Explain that water is still water whether it is in a bottle or in frozen form like an ice cube.

#### POINT TO MAKE:

- Does anyone know anything else that is the form of water? (Allow them to respond- snow and steam)
- Even though water can come in several different forms, it's still all water.
- God shows us His love in different ways or "forms" just like the different forms of water.
- Everything that God does is an act of His love.
- God's love is love no matter what form it takes.

#### SPIRITUAL EXERCISE:

- Name the different aspects of God and talk about how it is his love toward us.
- Salvation, He gave His son.
- God's Word, our manual for life with His instructions in it.
- Correction: when we make mistakes He corrects us.

#### QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. What is your favorite form of water?
2. Is there anything you can do to make God love you or not love you?
3. What are some ways that God shows you that He loves you?
4. Let's finish the sentence together, "God is \_\_\_\_\_"!



LESSON  
**1**

*Club Hero Small Group Notes*

#### SMALL GROUP SCHEDULE:

1. Pre-Service Activity
2. Bible Time
3. Small Group Lesson
4. Activity Page
5. Dismiss

### AGAPE 2.0: GOD'S LOVE IS UNCONDITIONAL

#### MEMORY VERSE:

I John 4:7, "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God." (KJV)

#### BOTTOM LINE

God is love.



# 1. PRE-SERVICE Activity

- During the Pre-Service Activity, group leaders will direct conversation and games to help kids make friends at church.
- As a group leader you have the choice of Ice Breaker Questions or Game to use as the children arrive.

## ICE BREAKER Questions:

### Question #91:

- What is your favorite thing to do inside?
- Why?

### Question #92:

- What is your favorite thing to do outside?
- Why?

## ICE BREAKER Game:

### “I Am”

- Have children sit in a circle. Pick one child to start the game by saying his/her name along with a word that describes them.
- The catch is the word they use has to start with the same letter as their name.
- For example, “My name is Fred and I am funny”. The second child, has to repeat what the first child said and then add their name and the word that describes them. For example, “His name is Fred and he is funny, my name is Grant and I am goofy.”
- Continue the game until you’ve made it around the entire circle.

# 2. BIBLE Time

## READ THE BIBLE:

*1st-2nd Grade - Day by Day Bible: Pig Food (pages 311 & 312)*

*3rd Grade and up - NIV Bible: Luke 15:11-24*

- Have each child read one verse out loud.
- Go around the room.
- This works best if everyone uses the same, easy-to-read translation of the Bible.

## BIBLE STORY:

*Pig Food*

## BIBLE CONNECTION:

*There was a father who had two sons he loved very much. The younger son decided he wanted to take the money his father had saved for him and move out on his own. The son spent all his money, made bad choices and ended up eating with pigs. He decided to go home and hoped his father would accept him back. His father was so excited to see him he had a celebration for his return.*

## BIBLE QUESTIONS:

1. What happened to the son when he moved out? (he spent all his money and had to eat with pigs)
2. How is this story like Father God and us? (Father God represents the Father and we represent the Prodigal)
3. What does it mean when we say God's love is unconditional? (it means he loves us the same whether we do something good or bad)

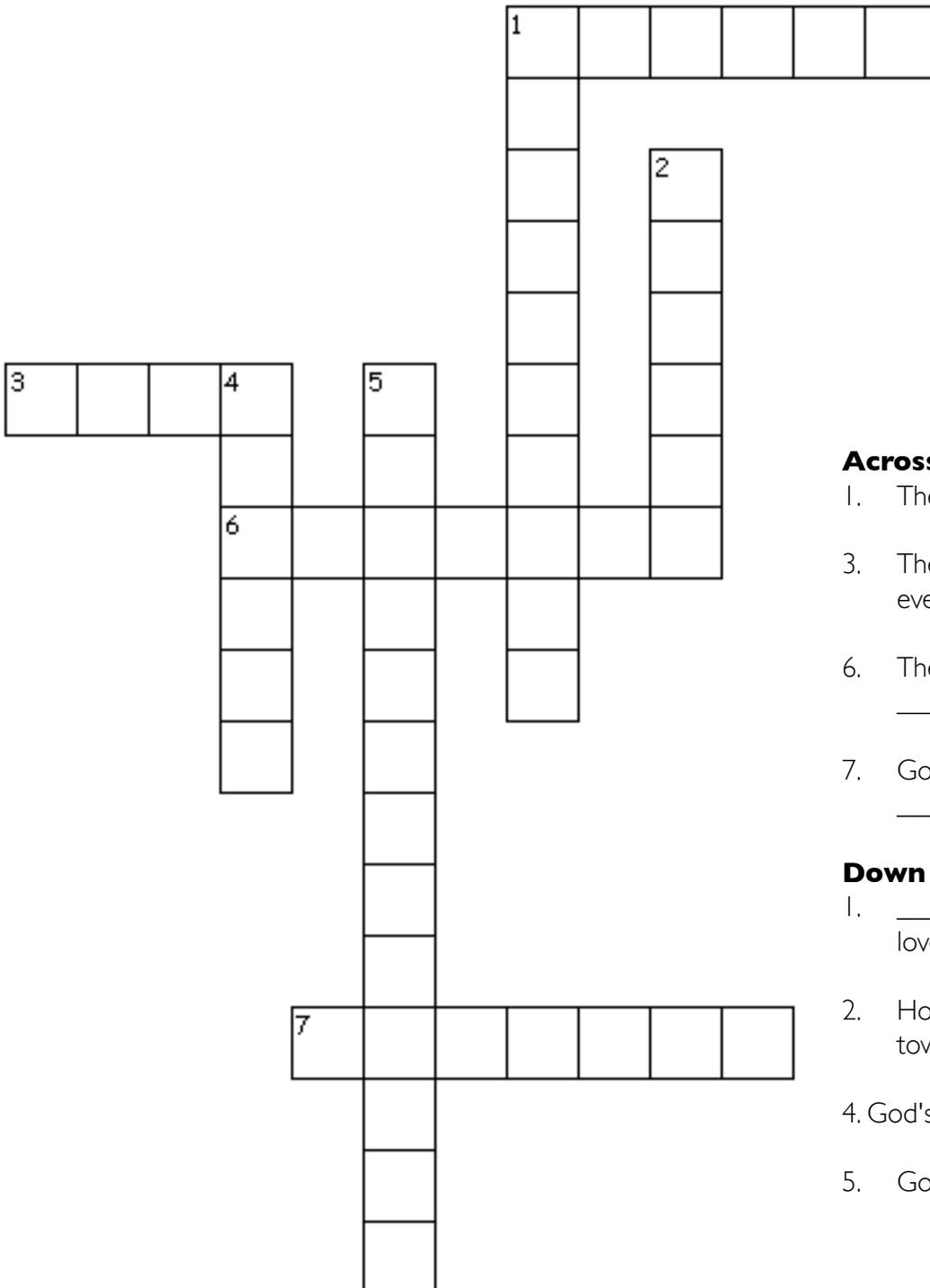
**POINT TO MAKE:** *The son's father is just like the Father God. No matter what we do, even if we make a lot of bad choices, He always loves us. God's love is unconditional, that means that no matter what we do good or bad, He loves us the same.*



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Solve this crossword puzzle and help Cape Girl solve the mystery of God's love.



#### Across

- 1. There is no \_\_\_\_ to God's love.
- 3. There is plenty of God's \_\_\_\_ for everyone.
- 6. The only way to get God's love is to \_\_\_\_ it.
- 7. God is good and his mercy endures \_\_\_\_.

#### Down

- 1. \_\_\_\_ that God does is an act of His love.
- 2. How we act does not \_\_\_\_ God's love toward us.
- 4. God's love cannot be \_\_\_\_.
- 5. God's love is \_\_\_\_.

