

Ages 5-6

1 John 3:1-2

Invitation to Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Listening

CHILD OF GOD

Loving

How big is God's love? (arms outstretched)

How big is your love for God? (arms outstretched)

Where does our love come from? (hand over heart)

How does it feel to know God loves you? (big smiles)

How can you thank God for his love? (hands together in prayer)

Prayer

I am [your name], and I am a child of God. God loves me.

Living

- Have a family member help you with a drawing and words. Draw a picture of yourself with God. Underneath the picture put your name. Beside your name put the words, "Child of God."

Ages 7-8

1 John 3:1-2

Invitation to Prayer

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Listening

LOVE
MY FATHER LOVES ME
AND I LOVE YOU.
HE SENT ME TO BE
YOUR BROTHER, WE TWO
LOVING GOD SO MUCH
MANY HEARTS WE CAN TOUCH.

Loving

Write the word you like best

Prayer

Jesus, I love you. Amen.

Living

- At home, cut out the words you worked on in class. Decorate it as a sign for your room. It will help you remember that Jesus loves you.
- Each day have someone in your family help you add words to your Jesus sign that show how you feel about Jesus.

Reflection for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Ages 9-11

1 John 3:1-2

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Listening

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Loving

Put a word or phrase beside each letter of Jesus to describe how you feel about his love for you:

J _____

E _____

S _____

U _____

S _____

Prayer

Share one word you used to express your feelings about Jesus' love for you in a prayer of thanksgiving.

Living

- Put your acrostic on the refrigerator or in your room to remind you of God's great love for you.
- Make another acrostic with the words: God, Holy Spirit, Love, and Heart.
- Write a prayer that expresses your love for God. Pray it every day this week.

Ages 12-14

1 John 3:1-2

Invitation to Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Listening

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

1 John 3:1-2

Loving

Silently reflect on how much God loves you. How does this make you feel? Are you living your life so that you are known in the world as a child of God? Can you tell others how much God loves them? Are you ready to tell them what a difference it makes in your life to know God's love is so great that we are loved like God's own child? Can you recall some occasions when you felt God's love? Can you recall some occasions when you felt God did not love you? As you close your meditation time, remember that God loves you whether you feel his love or not.

Does this reading raise any questions for you?

Memorize the first line from the reading: "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. Use it for prayer.

Living

- Write a letter to God thanking him for his great love for you. Ask him any questions you may have about the reading you heard today.
- Whenever you feel alone and as if God is not close to you, pray for comfort from God who loves you always.