

Ages 5-6

## 1 John 4:7-10

### Invitation to Prayer

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

### Listening

I LOVE YOU

### Loving

God loves you, too.

Who will you use this hand sign with to say I love you?

### Prayer

Thank you God for showing me some ways to say, I love you. Amen.

### Living

- Hang your picture of the hand sign for "I love you" on the refrigerator or in your room to remind you to tell others in your family that you love them.
- Draw a heart for all the people you love. Have a member of your family help you put their names on the heart.

Ages 7-8

## 1 John 4:7-10

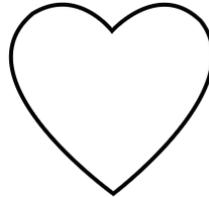
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### Listening

I LOVE YOU

### Loving



Make a list of those you love. How will you show your love?

### Prayer

Thank you God for the many ways I can say I love you.

### Living

- Hang your picture of the hand sign for "I love you" on the refrigerator or in your room to remind you to tell others in your family that you love them.
- Draw the people you love a picture message which says "I love you." (a heart, a happy face) or use the sign for love that is on your sheet or other signs such as a hug or a kiss.

Ages 9-11

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### Listening

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

1 John 4:7

### Loving

As you reflect on this passage about love, let the love of God rest on you for awhile. Then think of those whom you are called to love. Does it reach out to more than your family and friends? Pray for those whom you feel called to show love. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Love, so ask the Holy Spirit to dwell in each person's heart. Imagine this spirit filling everyone's heart.

Can you imagine a world where all people's hearts are filled with love? How might the world be different?

### Prayer

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. And kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you will renew the face of the earth.*

### Living

- Use the prayer to the Holy Spirit this week to remind you of the Scripture message encouraging you to love one another.
- Make a list of things you can do to fill someone's heart with love.
  - I can fill my family members' hearts with love if I...
  - I can fill my friends' hearts with love if I...
  - I can fill my heart with love if I...

Ages 12-14

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### Loving

As you reflect on this passage about love, let the love of God rest on you for awhile. Imagine that your whole parish is filled with this love of God and for one another. How does that change your parish? What things do they do to show their love for each other? You can do things with the Holy Spirit that might seem impossible without this Spirit of God's love. Do you look differently at others when you realize that all those who love are children of God?

The mark of a Christian is that when we meet others we believe God is present in them. We know we are called to reach out and love them. Make a list of people you will reach out to show love to this week.

### Prayer

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### Living

- Use the prayer to the Holy Spirit this week to remind you of the Scripture message encouraging you to love one another.
- Make a special effort to remember God is present in the hearts of others this week. Pray to the Holy Spirit for this kind of sight.