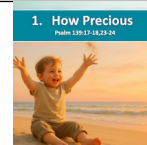


God's Love — Day 1



Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#1) — KJV

Psalm 139:17–18, 23–24 "How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee... Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

Apply the Promise!

God thinks about you all the time! His thoughts about you are more than the grains of sand on the beach. He knows everything inside your heart, and He loves you very, very much.

Bible Story (Mark 10)

Jesus was traveling and teaching, and many people followed Him wherever He went. One day, some parents brought their little children to Jesus. They wanted Him to place His hands on them, pray for them, and bless them.

But the disciples tried to stop the families. They told the parents not to bring the children to Jesus. Maybe they thought Jesus was too busy or too tired. Maybe they thought the grown-ups were more important. But Jesus did not feel that way at all.

When Jesus saw His disciples sending the children away, He was very displeased. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me. Do not stop them, because God's kingdom belongs to ones like these." His words showed that children have a special place in His heart.

Jesus wanted everyone to understand that children are precious to Him. He did not think they were too small, too noisy, or too unimportant. He wanted them close. He wanted them to know that they were welcome with Him.

Then Jesus did something beautiful. He did not only smile at the children from far away. He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them. The same Jesus who healed the sick, taught the crowds, and calmed the sea made time to hold little children.

This story reminds us that Jesus loves children personally. You are never too small for Him to notice, never too unimportant for Him to bless, and never unwanted in His loving arms.

True Story

Dr. Helen Roseveare worked as a missionary doctor in the Congo, in Africa. One chilly night, a tiny premature baby was born at the hospital. Sadly, the baby's mother passed away. The little baby was cold and weak, and the hospital did not have an incubator to keep him warm. Dr. Helen wrapped the baby carefully, but she knew he needed a hot water bottle. There was only one at the hospital, and it was broken. Without warmth, the baby might not live.

The next day, Dr. Helen told the orphanage children about the tiny baby and his sad four-year-old sister. A ten-year-old girl named Ruth prayed with simple faith. "Please, God," she prayed, "send us a hot water bottle today, because tomorrow might be too late. And please send a doll for the little sister so she knows You love her!"

Dr. Helen felt worried because packages from England took five long months to arrive. But that very afternoon, a heavy box was delivered! As the children gathered around, Dr. Helen opened it. Inside were clothes and bandages. Then, she reached in and felt something rubbery. It was a brand-new hot water bottle! Ruth dug her hands deep into the box. "If God sent the hot water bottle, He sent the doll!" she cried. From the bottom, she pulled out a beautiful doll. God had prompted someone to pack that box five months earlier!

Helen Roseveare's story reminds us that God's love is tender and personal. He sees the baby who needs warmth, the little girl who needs comfort, and the child who prays in faith. God is already caring for us before we even know what we will need.

Discussion Questions:

- What did the disciples try to do when the parents brought their children to Jesus?
- What two things did the ten-year-old girl named Ruth pray for God to send?
- How did the arrival of the heavy box show that God was already thinking about them?

Activity:

Give each child a piece of dark construction paper and a very small pinch of sand. Set a timer for one minute and challenge them to count every single grain before the time runs out! It will be completely impossible. When the timer rings, ask who was able to finish. Read Psalm 139:17-18 together. Explain that trying to count God's loving, precious thoughts about them is exactly like trying to count that sand!

God's Love — Day 2



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#2) — KJV

Isaiah 49:15–16 "Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands..."

Jeremiah 31:3 "... Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee."

💖 Apply the Promise!

Even if someone very close to you forgets you, God never will! He loves you with a love that lasts forever, and He has permanently written your name on the palms of His hands.

📖 Bible Story (Exodus & Hosea 11)

In the Bible, God often talks about the nation of Israel as if they were His very own little child. When the Israelites were trapped as slaves in the land of Egypt, God saw them hurting. He did not leave them there. Just like a loving father protects his family, God rescued Israel. He parted the deep Red Sea to give them a safe path and stopped the army chasing them.

Through the prophet Hosea, God explained exactly how He cared for them in the lonely wilderness. He said, "When Israel was a child, then I loved him." God gently taught them how to walk. When they were tired or scared, He picked them up in His arms. He fed them with special bread from heaven and brought them water from a solid rock.

But as the nation of Israel grew, they often turned away. They forgot about the God who saved them. They made bad choices and worshipped fake statues. They may have wondered if God still loved them after all the wrong things they had done.

God's love is not like human love. Even when Israel rebelled, God sent the prophet Isaiah to give them a beautiful message. He promised that even if a human mother could somehow forget her own baby, God would never forget them. He told them He had engraved their names right on the palms of His hands. That meant His people were always before Him. He would remember them, care for them, and keep His promises.

Israel's story reminds us that God's love is deeper than we can understand. Even when we feel forgotten, He sees us, remembers us, and holds us close to His heart.

☀️ True Story

When Freddie Figgers was a tiny baby, he was left all alone next to a dumpster in Florida. His birth mother walked away, leaving him outside. But God did not forget about Freddie. God had already planned a wonderful family to love him. A kind man and woman named Nathan and Betty Figgers adopted him and raised him as their very own son.

When Freddie went to school, some unkind children found out how he was found as a baby. They called him hurtful names, which made Freddie feel very sad. He ran home crying to his father. Nathan hugged him tight and said, "It is true that you were left at a dumpster, but we chose you. We wanted you."

To help Freddie see his value, Nathan went to a thrift store and bought a broken computer. He set it on the kitchen table and told his son to try to fix it. Freddie took it completely apart and put it back together. When he plugged it in, the screen brightly lit up!

Freddie realized he could be a creator. He grew up to be a brilliant inventor and the owner of a large technology company. He even built a special shoe to keep his father safe when he got older. Freddie went from being an abandoned baby to a deeply loved son.

Freddie's story reminds us that being unwanted by one person does not mean we are unloved. God never forgets us. He sees our lives from the beginning, holds us close, and can bring love, purpose, and blessing from even the saddest beginnings.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- Where did God tell the Israelites He had engraved their names to show He would never forget them?
- What broken item did Nathan Figgers buy from the thrift store for Freddie to fix?
- If someone treats you poorly because of how you look or act, how does it help to know your name is written on God's hands?

🎨 Activity:

Give each child a washable marker and let them carefully write their own name (or draw a heart if they can't write yet) right in the palm of their hand. Once everyone is finished, have them look at their palms. Discuss how it is impossible to use your hands to work or play without seeing what is written there. Remind the children that God has engraved them on His hands, so He never, ever forgets them!

God's Love — Day 3



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#3) — KJV

John 3:16–17 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.”

💖 Apply the Promise!

God loves you so much that He sent His only Son, Jesus, to save you. Because of Jesus, you never have to be separated from God, and you can live with Him forever!

📖 Bible Story (Genesis 22)

Abraham loved his son Isaac deeply. But one day, God gave Abraham a very difficult test. He told Abraham to take his only son, the one he loved so much, and offer him as a sacrifice on a mountain.

Early the next morning, Abraham cut wood and traveled for three days with his son. As they walked up the steep hill, Isaac carried the heavy wood on his own back. He looked at his father and asked where the lamb was for the offering. Abraham bravely answered, "My son, God will provide himself a lamb."

When they reached the top, Abraham gently explained what God had commanded. Isaac was a strong young man and could have easily run away. Instead, he made a beautiful choice. He understood the plan and was completely willing to obey his father and give up his life. He calmly let Abraham tie his hands and lay him on the stone altar. Abraham's heart must have ached as he looked at the son he loved. For the first time, he began to understand a little of what it would cost the Father to give His Son for the world.

Just as Abraham raised the knife, an angel called out from heaven and told him to stop! God saw that Abraham trusted Him completely. Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught by its horns in the bushes. God provided the ram to take Isaac's place so he could live.

This story helps us understand the love of God and His Son, Jesus. Like Isaac, Jesus willingly carried the wood of the cross. But unlike Isaac, Jesus was not spared. God gave His beloved Son to die in our place so we could live.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- What did God ask Abraham to do to test his faith?
- What brave choice did Ryan make when his children were caught in the ocean current?
- How does Isaac being willing to obey his father remind us of what Jesus did for us on the cross?

☀️ True Story

In April of 2026, a father named Ryan Jennings took his family on a sunny beach vacation to Juno Beach, Florida. Ryan went swimming in the ocean waves with his twelve-year-old son, Jax, and his nine-year-old daughter, Charlie. Suddenly, the water changed. A fast-moving stream of water called a rip current grabbed them and swept them far away from the beach.

The cold water pulled them out deep into the ocean, and it was very hard to stay afloat. Ryan knew his children were in terrible danger. As a father, he loved his son and daughter more than anything, and he made a very brave decision. Using his strength, Ryan threw his son out of the dangerous current so he could swim safely to the shore.

Then, Ryan swam to his daughter. Charlie was struggling to stay above the water, so Ryan lifted her up in his arms. He used all his remaining energy to hold her head high above the crashing waves so she could breathe. He swallowed a lot of water as he fought to keep her safe.

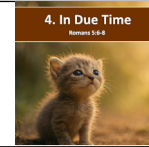
Rescue workers rushed out into the ocean and successfully pulled both children to safety. Because Ryan fought so hard to keep his children breathing, he used up all his strength. He slipped under the water and passed away. He gave up his own life so his son and daughter could live.

Ryan's story gives us a small picture of sacrificial love. A loving father gave everything to save his children. Even more, God loved us so much that He gave His beloved Son, and Jesus willingly gave His life so we could be saved.

🎨 Activity:

Give each child a piece of paper, glue, and a handful of cotton balls. Have them draw a simple outline of a ram (or a sheep) and glue the cotton balls on to make it fluffy. As they work, talk about how God provided the ram to save Isaac's life. Remind the children that God loves us so much that He provided Jesus to take our place!

God's Love — Day 4



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#4) — KJV

Romans 5:6–8 "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

💖 Apply the Promise!

God loved us so much that He didn't wait for us to be perfect. Even when we do wrong things and cannot save ourselves, Jesus chose to give His life to rescue us.

📖 Bible Story (Luke 15:3-7)

Some religious leaders were upset because Jesus welcomed sinners and spent time with people who had made wrong choices. They could not understand why He treated them with such kindness. So Jesus told a story to show how deeply God loves even one person who has wandered away.

He said there was a shepherd who had one hundred sheep. Every day, the shepherd cared for his flock. He led them to grass and water, watched for danger, and kept them close. But one day, one sheep wandered away and became lost.

The shepherd didn't say, "I still have ninety-nine sheep, so this one does not matter." He did not decide the lost sheep was too much trouble to find. That one sheep was precious to him.

So the shepherd left the ninety-nine sheep in a safe place and went searching. He walked through the wilderness, calling and looking until he finally found the sheep that had wandered away.

When the shepherd found it, he did not beat it or speak harshly to it. He was glad. He gently lifted the tired sheep onto his shoulders and carried it home. Then he called his friends and neighbors and said, "Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost."

Jesus said heaven rejoices when one sinner comes back to God. This story shows us how personal God's love is. He does not love us only when we stay close and do everything right. Even when we wander, make wrong choices, or feel far away, He still sees us as precious. God's love searches for us, forgives us, and carries us safely home.

☀️ True Story

Davion was a teenage boy who had lived in foster care his entire life. Growing up without a home left him with a lot of anger and deep sadness. Because his heart hurt so much, he sometimes got into trouble, struggled with his behavior, and pushed people away. He worried he had to be completely perfect before a family would ever want him.

Desperate for a dad or mom, fifteen-year-old Davion did something bold. He put on a borrowed suit, stood up at the front of a church, and begged someone to adopt him. His speech was so moving that a family took him in! But sadly, because of Davion's anger and past trauma, he made some mistakes and got into a fight. The family changed their minds and sent him right back to the orphanage.

Davion was completely heartbroken. He felt totally unlovable. But there was a social worker named Connie who had known Davion since he was seven years old. Connie knew about every single bad grade, every fight, and every mistake Davion had ever made. When Davion felt like the world had rejected him for being imperfect, he asked Connie if she would be his mom.

Connie didn't tell him to go fix his behavior first. She didn't wait for him to be perfect. She stepped forward and said yes! She adopted him exactly as he was. Davion finally had a real home!

Davion's story reminds us that true love does not wait until we are perfect. God sees our hurt, our mistakes, and our need, yet He still chooses to love us and bring us home.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- What did the shepherd do when he realized one of his sheep was missing?
- What did Davion wear when he bravely stood at the front of the church to ask for a family?
- If Jesus loves us enough to die for us while we are still sinners, how should that change the way we treat people who do bad things?

🎨 Activity:

Hide a small toy sheep or a fluffy cotton ball somewhere in the room. Tell the children that one sheep is missing, and they must act like the good shepherd to find it! Let them search the room until the lost sheep is happily rescued. When they find it, cheer and celebrate together! Remind them that just like they searched hard for the lost sheep, God loves us so much that He sent Jesus to seek and rescue us, even when we make mistakes and wander away.

God's Love — Day 5



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#5) — NKJV

Romans 8:38–39 "For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

💖 Apply the Promise!

No matter how dark, scary, or lonely things get, absolutely nothing can separate you from God's love. His love is always deep enough to reach you exactly where you are!

📖 Bible Story (Jeremiah)

Jeremiah was a prophet who shared important messages from God. He warned the leaders of Jerusalem to stop making bad choices, but they refused to listen. They were very angry with Jeremiah and wanted to silence him. They grabbed him and dragged him to a deep cistern, which was a giant underground pit normally used for storing water.

There was no water inside the pit, only thick, sticky mud. The leaders used ropes to lower Jeremiah down into the darkness and left him there. When Jeremiah hit the bottom, his feet sank deep into the cold mud. It was pitch black and very lonely. Looking up at the tiny circle of light at the top of the pit, it would have been easy for Jeremiah to feel completely forgotten.

But God's love does not stop at the edge of a deep pit. God saw exactly where Jeremiah was, and His love reached all the way down into the darkness. God touched the heart of a brave man named Ebed-Melech. He rushed to the king and begged him to save Jeremiah.

The king agreed! Ebed-Melech hurried to the pit with a team of men. They carefully lowered down soft rags to protect Jeremiah's arms. Then, they pulled him safely up out of the mud!

Jeremiah's story reminds us of a beautiful truth. Sometimes God physically pulls us out of the pit, and sometimes He simply stays right beside us in the dark. Either way, absolutely nothing can separate us from His deep, comforting love.

☀️ True Story

In the fall of 1987, an eighteen-month-old girl named Jessica was playing in her aunt's backyard in Texas. Hidden in the tall grass was a small hole, the opening of an old, abandoned water well. While toddling around, little Jessica accidentally slipped inside.

She fell twenty-two feet down into the dark, narrow pipe. She was trapped deep underground in the pitch black, and she could not climb out. When her mother realized what happened, she called for help, and rescue workers quickly rushed to the yard.

When the workers looked down the pipe, they realized the ground around Jessica was actually thick, solid rock. The pipe was much too narrow for an adult to fit inside, so they could not just reach down and pull her up. But they refused to leave her in the dark.

For fifty-eight hours—more than two whole days and nights—brave workers drilled a brand-new hole right next to hers. They cut non-stop through the hard stone. Even though they were exhausted, the rescuers never gave up. People all over the world prayed for the little girl trapped in the earth.

Finally, they broke through the rock and carefully reached into the dark pipe. A tired, dirty, but safe little Jessica was lifted up into the sunlight and placed right back into her mother's arms!

Baby Jessica's story gives us a picture of rescuing love. No dark place is too deep for God to see us, and no hard place can stop His love from reaching His children.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- What was at the bottom of the deep, dark cistern where the angry leaders threw Jeremiah?
- How many hours did the brave workers drill to rescue Baby Jessica?
- If someone feels stuck, scared, or forgotten, what could you say to remind them that God loves them?

🎬 Activity:

Place a ping-pong ball at the bottom of a tall, empty glass. Tell your child that the ball represents us when we feel stuck in a deep, sad place, unable to climb out. Next, pour a pitcher of water representing God's unstoppable love into the glass. The water reaches the very bottom and immediately lifts the ball! Explain that no matter how deep our pit is, God's love always reaches down to safely lift us.