

## FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

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### WHAT DID GOD SAY? LESSON 1

**Objectives to be Understood:** For children to know: 1] God made you to be like Him; 2] God's Word is alive and true; 3] God's Word is like a sword; 4] God's Word has the power of life in it, and; 5] to say what God has said.

**ACTIVITY:** Children will write in their books the Scriptures/Words God Said.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** This activity is included in each of our 6 lessons with a different scripture in each lesson for children to receive into their hearts.

**MATERIALS:** *For Introduction:* Holy Bible and a second book (not a Bible);  
Materials To Make A Book: Pencils; Markers; Stapler; Pre-made book template or purchased notebooks [see Preparation below]

**Preparation:** To MAKE A BOOK

Pre-make book templates for each child by folding two sheets of paper in half and stapling (two staples on the folded side so pages open like a book); OR purchase lined notebooks.

Write out and post (where children can easily see) the following scripture:

# WE LOVE HIM BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US!

(I John 4:19)

**WHAT DID GOD SAY?** *LESSON 1 Continued*

*(Hold up the Bible in one hand and another book in the other)*

**INTRODUCTION:**

**Parent/Teacher Script:** Did you know that these two books are different?

How are they different? *(Listen to Responses)*

They both have words.

They both are made of paper.

They both have a front and a back cover.

The difference is the Bible is full of God's Words that are ALIVE and TRUE.

God's living words have POWER in them and can change things when you believe what God has said.

God made everything to be good and come alive by His Word.

Everything God says must happen! God can not lie.

The POWER in God's Words is sharp and cuts like a big SWORD.

Do you believe God's Word is true? *(Listen to responses)*

God has given you His Words to believe Him and SAY WHAT GOD SAID.

Everything that God has said is for your good.

Do you know who God made you to be like? *(Listen to responses)*

God made you to be like Him and say good words that give life.

This is why it is very important that you learn the things that God has said in the Bible.

Different writers wrote what God told them to write in the Bible. The Words in the Bible are called scriptures. The Bible has different parts called books. The scripture that we will learn today can be found in the book of I John the fourth chapter and the 19th verse. I John 4:19

The Bible has stories about God, and Words God said that are written down for you to know God and His love for you.

## TO KNOW GOD'S WORD

First, you must LET YOUR EARS HEAR GOD'S WORD AND BELIEVE IT.
Second, LET YOUR MOUTH SAY THE WORDS THAT GOD HAS SAID.
Third, Tell your mind to THINK ABOUT WHAT GOD HAS SAID.
When you think about what God has said, HIS WORD GOES INSIDE YOUR HEART. And your heart will help you love like God.

## LEARNING SCRIPTURES FOR OUR BOOKS

### INSTRUCTIONS:

**Parent/Teacher Script:** In our books, we will write scriptures or Words God said.

Our first scripture is: **We love Him because He first loved us.**

What do you think it means when God says, WE LOVE HIM BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US?

*(Listen to Responses)*

Do you remember who God got the earth ready for? *(Listen to Responses)*

God got the earth ready for His children. Us!

Why do you think God created and made everything for His children?

Because God loved you before you were born. God loved you first!

This is why God said, WE LOVE HIM BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US!

***(Distribute Books (Pre-made or Purchased Notebooks) to each child. See Preparation)***

Your book is for you to write the scriptures you have learned that God has said.

If you would like God, your heavenly Father to help you to know Him and the Words He has said, you can pray and say these words after me, or you can pray to God in your own words. Ready. Let's pray!

**PRAYER**

**Father,**

*(Pause for Children to Repeat)*

**I want to know You**

*(Pause)*

**Will you help me?**

*(Pause)*

**I want to hear and believe You**

*(Pause)*

**Will You teach me to say**

*(Pause)*

**what You have said every day?**

*(Pause)*

**Thank You Father!**

*(Pause)*

**Will you help me**

*(Pause)*

**to think about Your Word?**

*(Pause)*

**Thank You Father!**

*(Pause)*

**Will You let Your Word**

*(Pause)*

**change my heart**

*(Pause)*

**so I will love like You?**

*(Pause)*

**Thank You for hearing me**

*(Pause)*

**and answering my prayer!**

*(Pause)*

**I love You!**

*(Pause)*

**Amen.**

**Parent/Teacher Script, Continued:** This time you can say the words after me.

**We love Him** (*children repeat*) **because** (*children repeat*) **He first** (*children repeat*) **loved us.**

What do you think God means when He says to you, You love Him because He first loved you?  
(*Listen to responses*)

God loves you! God loved you first. He is the one who thought about you and made you for Himself. No one can love you like God. So now you can choose to believe Him and love Him back. Let's say it boldly together again: **We love Him because He first loved us!**

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Have you ever had someone to tell you they love you? (*Listen to responses*)

Your Father in heaven loves you with a love that is not like the love on earth. His love is called agape love. Agape love is a heavenly amazing love.

Repeat after me. **God loves me** (*children repeat*) **with His agape love.**

Did you know that God's love is true? (*Listen to responses*)

It is so true that the more you say that God loves you and you think about how much God loves you, the power in God's words will go into your heart to live. And you will know the truth. And the truth is God loves you!

Let's say the scripture together again. **We love Him** [*pause*] **because** [*pause*] **He first** [*pause*] **loved us.**  
(*repeat*)

Write God's Words in your book.

Everyday declare or say God's Words so your ears can Hear His Words! You can read your book out loud so you can hear the words! Every day pay attention and watch God do what He said because you believed Him, and you said what He said.

When you see that God has done what He said, write or draw a picture in your book about the good things God did for you. And come tell us about it.

(*If children are using notebooks*) You can take your book home but remember to bring it back so you can write more Words that God said in it.

Let's Sing these Words God Said:

*(Sing to the tune of "If you're happy and you know it")*

(make up motions to do with song)

***We love Him because He first loved us! Halleluiah!***

***We love Him because He first loved us! Halleluiah!***

***We love Him Yes we love Him.***

***We love Him Yes we love Him.***

***We love Him because He first loved us!***

**(DECLARE) Father loved us first!**

(Repeat)

**SONG: GOD LOVES ME!**

*(Sung to the tune of Barney Song) (Do motions to Song)*

**YOU LOVE ME!**

*[Point upward, then to self]*

**I LOVE YOU!**

*[Point to self and upward]*

**YOU MAKE MY HEART GO PITTER-PAT!**

*[Point up, touch heart, Clap hands as you say pitter-pat]*

**YOU LOVED ME FIRST**

*[Point upward, then to self]*

**AND I LOVE YOU BACK!**

*[Kiss your hands and blow kisses up to Father]*

**YOU MAKE MY HEART GO PITTER-PAT!**

*[Point up, touch your heart, then clap hands as you say pitter-pat]*

**I LOVE YOU FATHER!**

*[Lift both hands up and SHOUT]*

*Scriptures:*

*1 John 4:19; Hebrews 4:12; Isaiah 51:15-16; Jeremiah 1:9; Psalm 119:11; Proverbs 4:20-24*