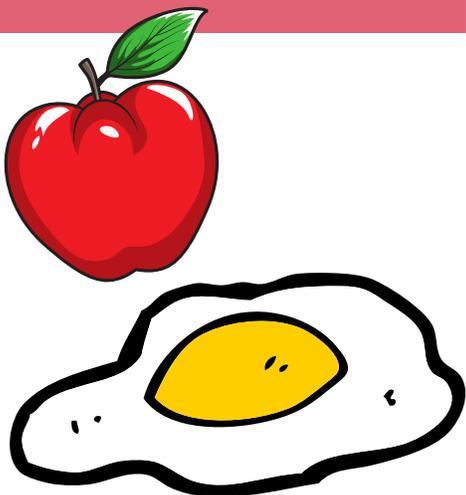


PRECIOUS IN HIS SIGHT

Truth #3: We should love others the way God loves.

BIBLE VERSES

- **Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)** "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."
- **Luke 6:31; 37-42 (NIV)** "Do to others as you would have them do to you; Do not judge."
- **John 7:24 (NIV)** "Stop judging by mere appearances, but instead, judge correctly."
- **1 John 3:16 (NIV)** "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters."



DISCUSSION

- **How does God want us to treat other people?** *He wants us to love each other.*
- **What do you think it means to love our neighbor as we love ourselves? Do you think this means we should love only our neighbors who live next to us? Why or why not?**
- **How can we get better at loving others the way God loves them?**
- **Do all people treat others fairly and with kindness? Have you ever been treated unfairly or unkindly? Have you ever seen or known someone who was treated unfairly? If so, how did that make you feel?**
- **How do you think it makes God feel when people aren't kind or loving to each other?**
- **What does it mean to judge others?** *We may be tempted to think certain things about people we don't know based on the way they live, the way they act or talk, where they're from, the way they look, the way they dress, the toys or material possessions they have. That's called judging, and since we don't know what's inside someone's heart, we shouldn't try to guess what's in their heart just from what we see on the outside. We should just love people, without caring about the other things.*
- **Why should we love people?** *Because God loves us, and because God loves them. We can let His love come out of us and love other people with His love.*

OBJECT LESSON

Eggs and Apples

Supplies and Instructions

- A brown egg and a white egg, a bowl; or a green apple and a red apple.
- *Hold up two eggs with different colored shells (or two apples with different colors of peels) and ask the kids if they are both eggs.*

Discussion

- *What do you think they look like on the inside? Crack the eggs into the bowl (or cut the apples) and show the kids that they look the same on the inside.*
- *What does this teach us about people? We learned that God created each person and they all have value. He created us to look different on the outside, but on the inside, we are all the same - we all need Jesus and we need love.*