

OUTDOOR LOVE

The children will go on a nature walk to observe God's love as shown through nature.

by Leah Pittsinger

TOPICS:

Love

MATERIALS:

Binoculars
Magnifying glass
Small plastic baggies
House plants (optional)

DURATION:

Approximately 15 minutes



PREPARATION:

Give each child a plastic baggy. Then choose two children to hold the binoculars and magnifying glass.

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Walk the children to an outside area where there are trees, flowers, and other easy-to-discover creations. Tell the class that God expresses His love through the detail in His beautiful creations. Allow time for the children to freely observe the objects around them. Also, encourage them to find something small (such as a flower, rock, or leaf) that reminds them of God's love, and ask them to put the object inside their baggy to take home. Help the children take turns using the binoculars and magnifying glass to further their exploration.

Conclude by emphasizing that every creation is different and shows God's love in a special way! Also, tell the children that God lovingly created us and gives us the chance to know Him through His Son, Jesus Christ.

If necessary, an indoor option can be created by bringing house plants, flowers, etc. into the classroom for the children to inspect.

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L IS FOR LOVE

Children will find the hidden letters to learn about God's great love.

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TOPICS:

Love

MATERIALS:

Capital letter cutouts (L, O, V, and E) [PDF] [Click](#)

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Tape

White board or poster board



DURATION:

Approximately 10 minutes

PREPARATION:

Cut out approximately 12-16 letters and hide them throughout the room (using the tape, if necessary).

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Explain to the class that God's love is the greatest love on earth! Write the word "LOVE" in big letters on the white board or poster board. Spell the word out loud for the children and ask them to spell it with you. Tell them to look for these hidden letters throughout the room. Once all the letters are found, use them to spell "LOVE" as many times as possible.

CONCLUSION:

God's love is the biggest because He created us and sent Jesus to die for our sins! And now we have learned how to spell "LOVE."

Time-saver option: Hide fewer letters.

Increased difficulty option: Use more letters and encourage each child to find one of each letter to spell "LOVE" on their own.

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THE GREATEST LOVE

The children will create a Bible craft to show that God's love is the greatest love of all.

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TOPICS:

Love

MATERIALS:

Manila paper or card stock
Colored construction paper
Black marker
Safety scissors
Glue sticks

DURATION:

Approximately 10 minutes



PREPARATION:

Write "The Greatest Love" at the top of each manila paper. Then, using various colors of construction paper, cut out one large heart for each child. Write "GOD" in the middle of each large heart. Then cut out at least three smaller hearts for every child.

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

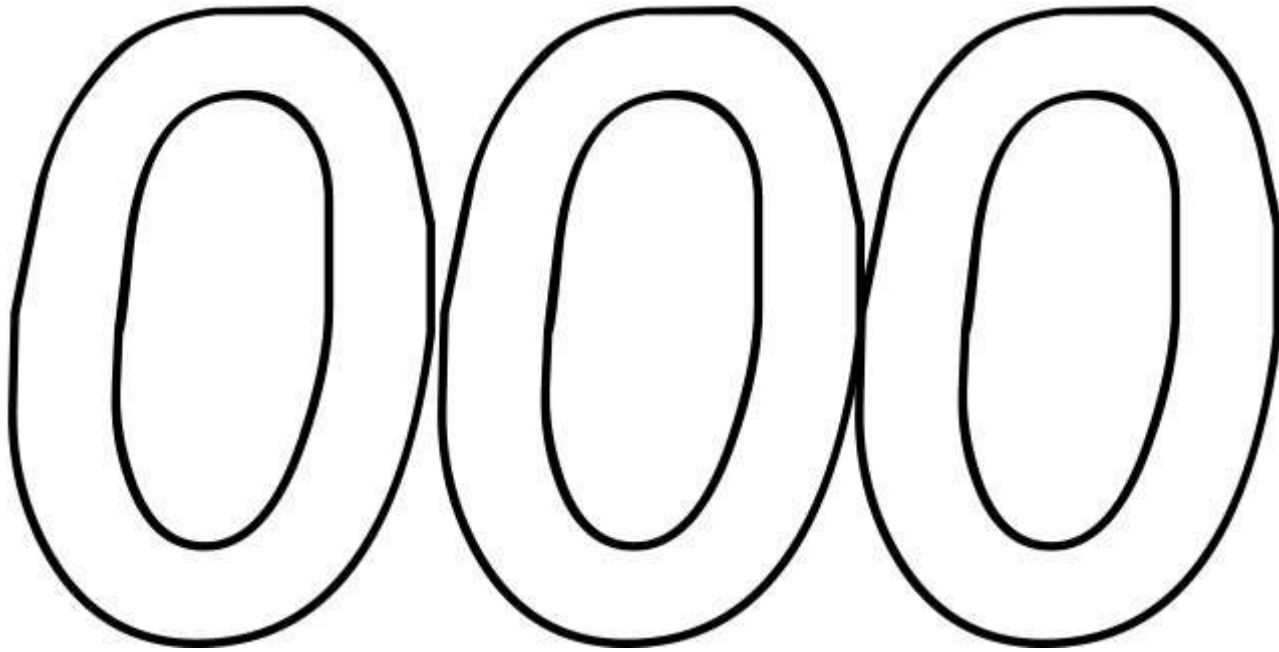
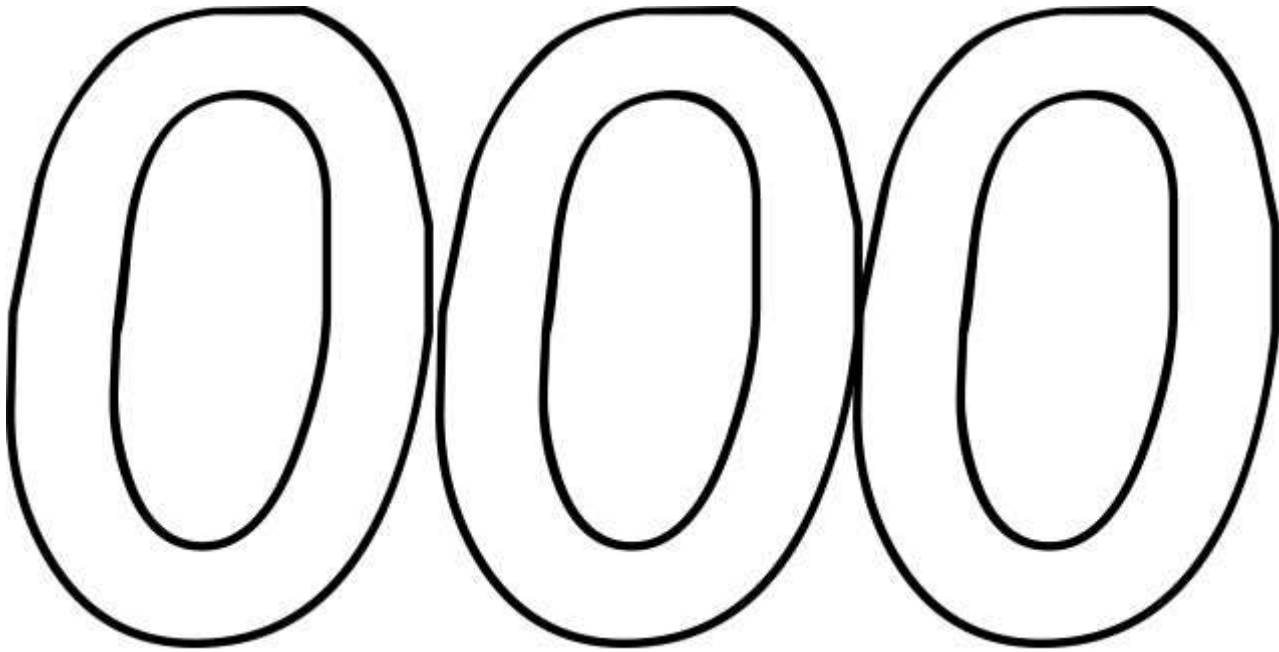
Explain to the class that God's love is the greatest, so He gets the biggest heart(s)! Allow the children to choose a large heart and three smaller hearts in their desired colors. Then ask each child to name additional people who love them and help them write one name on each of the smaller hearts. Then the children may glue the hearts on their papers as a reminder that God's love is the greatest!

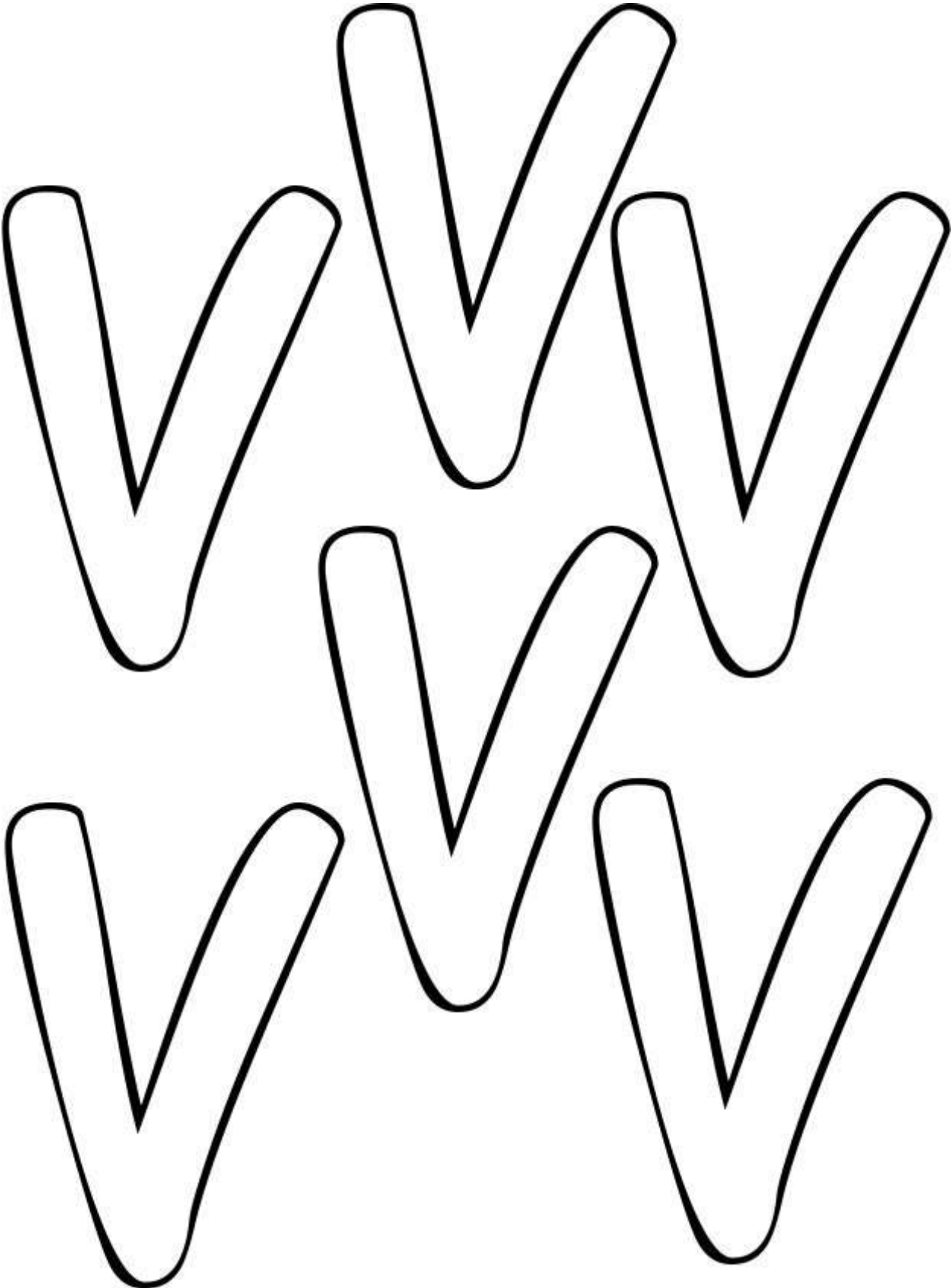
Time-Saving Option: Instead of using small hearts, simply write the additional names outside of the large heart.

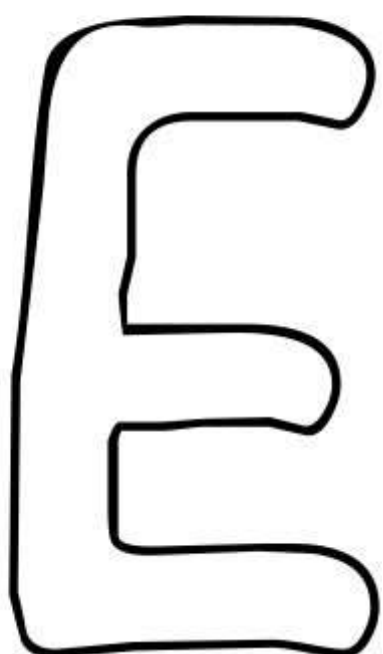
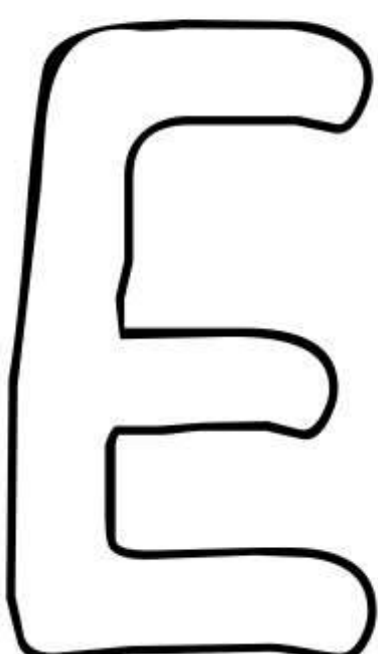
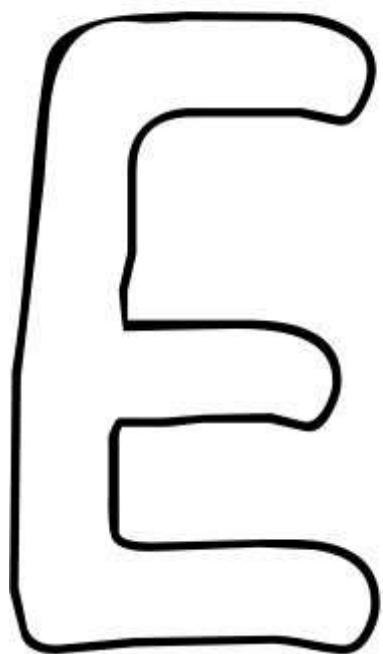
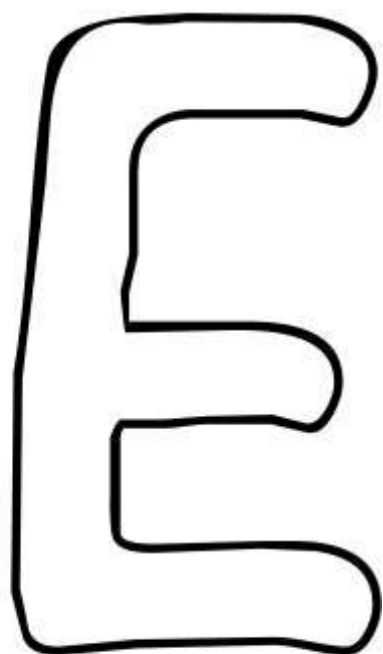
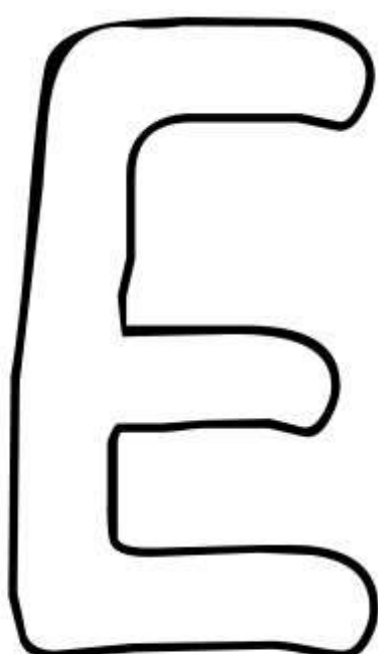
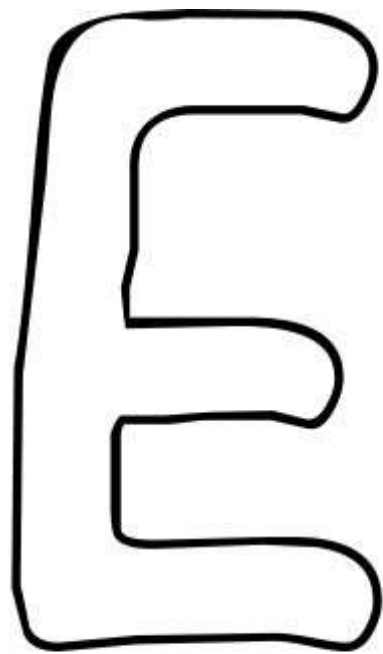
Increased-Difficulty Option: Prepare multiple sheets of traced hearts and allow the children to choose and cut out their own pieces.

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ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

LESSON 2: GOD IS LOVING

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This Sunday school lesson will help children understand that God loves us, and His love is greater than any other love.

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TOPICS

Kindness, Knowing God, Love

AS KIDS ARRIVE (10 MINUTES)

The Greatest Love (Craft) [Click here](#)

WORSHIP TIME (5 MINUTES)

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BIBLE VERSE (12 MINUTES)

"Show me the wonders of Your great love." Psalm 17:7a NIV

Say the verse out loud for the class. Then explain that God's love is the most wonderful love we will ever receive. Repeat the verse while clapping on each syllable. Ask the children to join you by clapping, speaking the words, or by doing both. Repeat several times. You may also consider using "whisper" claps (two fingers) or high fives to keep the children's interest.

BIBLE STORY (15 MINUTES)

Gather the children around you in preparation for story time. If possible, use a Children's Bible so it will be easier for the kids to understand.

Introduction:

God shows us His love in many ways. What are some ways we show love for others (hugs, kisses, being obedient, etc)? Today we will learn about two ways that God has shown us His love: by sending His Son, Jesus, to die for our sins and by creating the earth, including us!

Read 1 John 4:7-21 (God lovingly sent Jesus)

We know God loves us because He sent Jesus, who was perfect, to die and pay for our sins.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is a sin? (*Anything bad that we do.*)
2. Why is it loving that God would send Jesus? (*Because we can't pay for our own sins, so God provided a way for us to be able to have a relationship with Him and go to Heaven.*)
3. How do we go to Heaven? (*By believing in Jesus, admitting we do bad things, and asking God for forgiveness.*)

Read Genesis 1:1 (God's creation shows His love.)

Ask the children to name beautiful things that God has created (such as flowers, rainbows, animals, etc). Explain that God created all these things in love, because He knew they would show us more about Him. Also, tell the children that we are God's BEST creations because we are made in His image.

Discussion Questions:

1. Name a beautiful creation you can see at night. (*Stars, moon, etc.*)
2. Name a beautiful creation found in the ocean. (*Seashells, fish, dolphins, etc.*)

Conclusion

We know God is loving because He sent Jesus to die for our sins so we may have a relationship with Him and go to Heaven. We also know that God is loving because every created thing has a purpose and points us to Him.

FUN TIME (15 MINUTES)

Outdoor Love (Activity) [Click here](#)

ALTERNATE FUN TIME (10 MINUTES)

L is for Love (Game) [Click here](#)

PRAYER/SNACK (10 MINUTES)

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Start by praying to God and thanking Him for His love, as shown through creation and His Son, Jesus. Then serve the children goldfish crackers and small cups of water. Show the children some colorful pictures of fish as they eat and comment about how each of the fish are uniquely beautiful. Then affirm each child by stating one way God lovingly created them especially unique.

CLOSING ACTIVITY (5-10 MINUTES)

Ask the children to think about ways to show God's love to others, such as helping a friend, being obedient to their parents, or sharing a toy with a sibling. Help them practice their suggestions by acting out scenarios (if time allows). Reiterate to the children that it is because of God's love that any of us even have the chance to have a relationship with Jesus and live forever with Him in Heaven, so we need to share His love with others.

NEXT WEEK

Come back next week to learn how God is good!

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON TAKE HOME PAGE

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