BIBLE BASICS

Who is God?

Hey kids and parents! Fill in the blanks as you talk about this week's lesson together. Have fun!

Big Idea

God is love and he sent Jesus to die for us.

Key Question

How else does God show his love for us?

Memory Verse

1 John 4:8 "God is love."

Key Points

- God is _____ and started everything from nothing. Genesis 1, Genesis 2:1-4
- God is _____ and always does the right thing. Psalm 107:1
- God is _____ and sent Jesus to die for us. John 3:16

Talk About It

1. What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?
2. What is your favorite thing to draw and why?
3. God created everything in the whole world. What do you think is the most beautiful thing God has created?
4. What is the most loving thing God has done for us?
5. Read Romans 8:37-39. How can we know how much God loves us? How does Jesus give us hope and security?
6. How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: GOD IS.....BOOK

Instructions:

- Give each kid a Book template (page 5).
- Have kids cut out each square. Have them draw a picture that describes each trait for God.
- Then, have kids stack the squares together and staple along the left side to make a book.
- As the kids work, talk about each trait and read the verse that goes with each one.
  - God is strong. He made everything by just speaking a word. No-one compares to him. (Isaiah 40:25-28)
  - God is perfect. He never makes mistakes and he always does the right thing. (Psalm 19:7-8)
  - God is love. God doesn't just love well, he is love. He won't ever do anything unloving. (1John 4:7-10)

Supplies needed: Book template (pg. 5, 1 set per kid), Scissors, Pencils, Crayons, Staplers

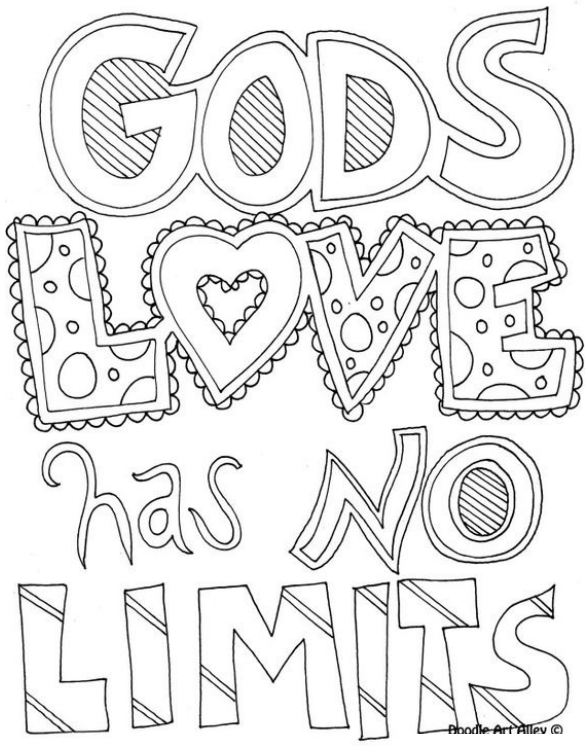
OPTION 2: WHO IS GOD PICTIONARY

Instructions:

- Before class, cut up the Pictionary words (page 6) and place in a bowl or basket.
- Divide the class into two teams. Choose a kid from each team to come to the board to draw. Pull a word from the bowl and show it only to the kids who are at the board. When you say, "Go!" have the kids start drawing something that depicts the trait on the card. First team to guess correctly wins that round. You may need to whisper some suggestions from below to the kids if they don't know what to draw.
- Suggestions:
  - Strong: An arm with a flexed muscle, a person lifting a big rock or a weight bar.
  - Perfect: A+ on a test, an angel.
  - Love: A heart or the cross.
  - Smart: A brain or an A+
  - Protector: A kid on a bike with a helmet or a tree giving shade from the sun.
  - Creative: A funny looking animal or a cactus.

Supplies needed: Pictionary words (pg. 6, pre cut, 1 set per class), Bowl/Basket

Instructions: Color the picture and solve the puzzle.



Big Idea

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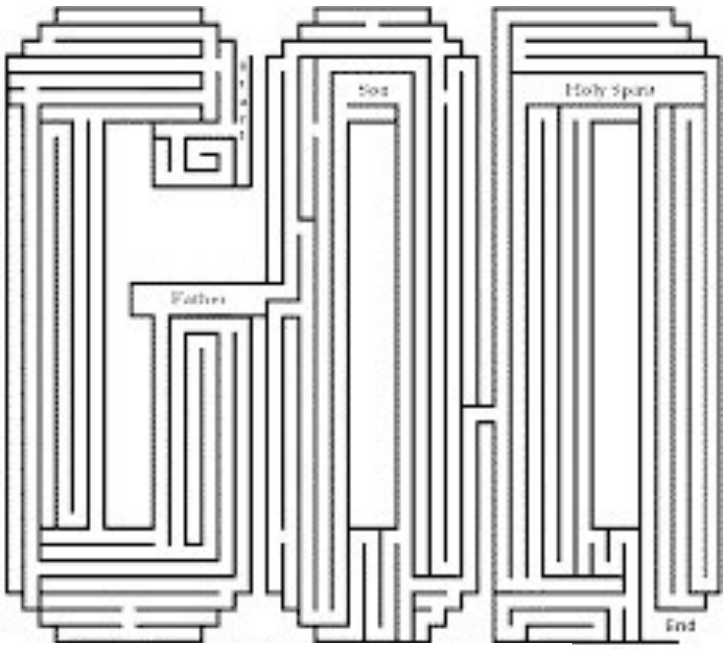

GOD IS…	STRONG
PERFECT	LOVE

GOD IS STRONG	GOD IS PERFECT
GOD IS LOVE	GOD IS SMART
GOD IS OUR PROTECTOR	GOD IS CREATIVE

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: FIND THE BOOK IN THE BIBLE

Instructions:

- Divide the class into pairs. Give each pair a bible.
- When you say, "Go!", have them race to find the books below. First pair to find the book wins that round. The winning team has to say if each book is in the OT or NT and they get to read that verse(s) to the class.
- After reading each passage, see if the kids can identify what trait of God that verse(s) is describing.
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  - God is creative. He created every bird, animal and flower. He created everything! (Genesis 1:20-22)

Supplies needed: Bibles

Craft time see instructions below

Instructions: Color the picture.

GOD IS LOVE AND HE SENT JESUS TO DIE FOR US

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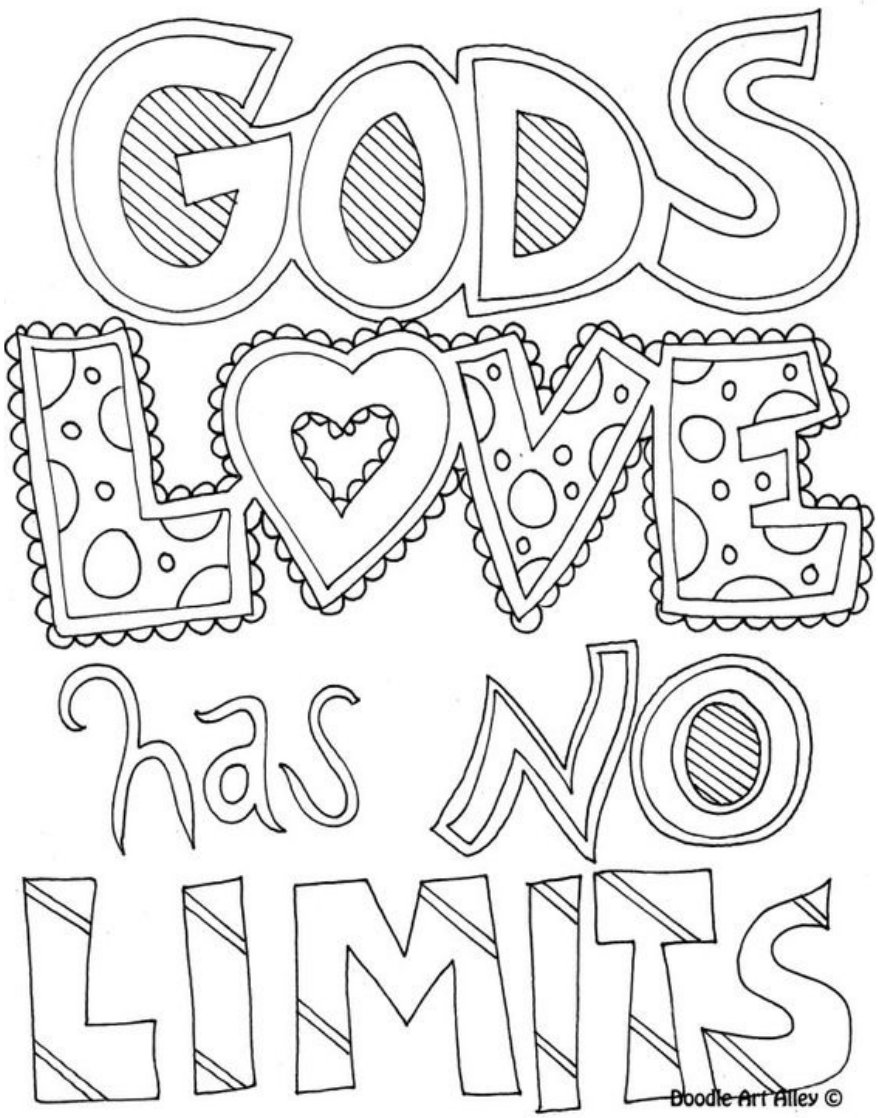

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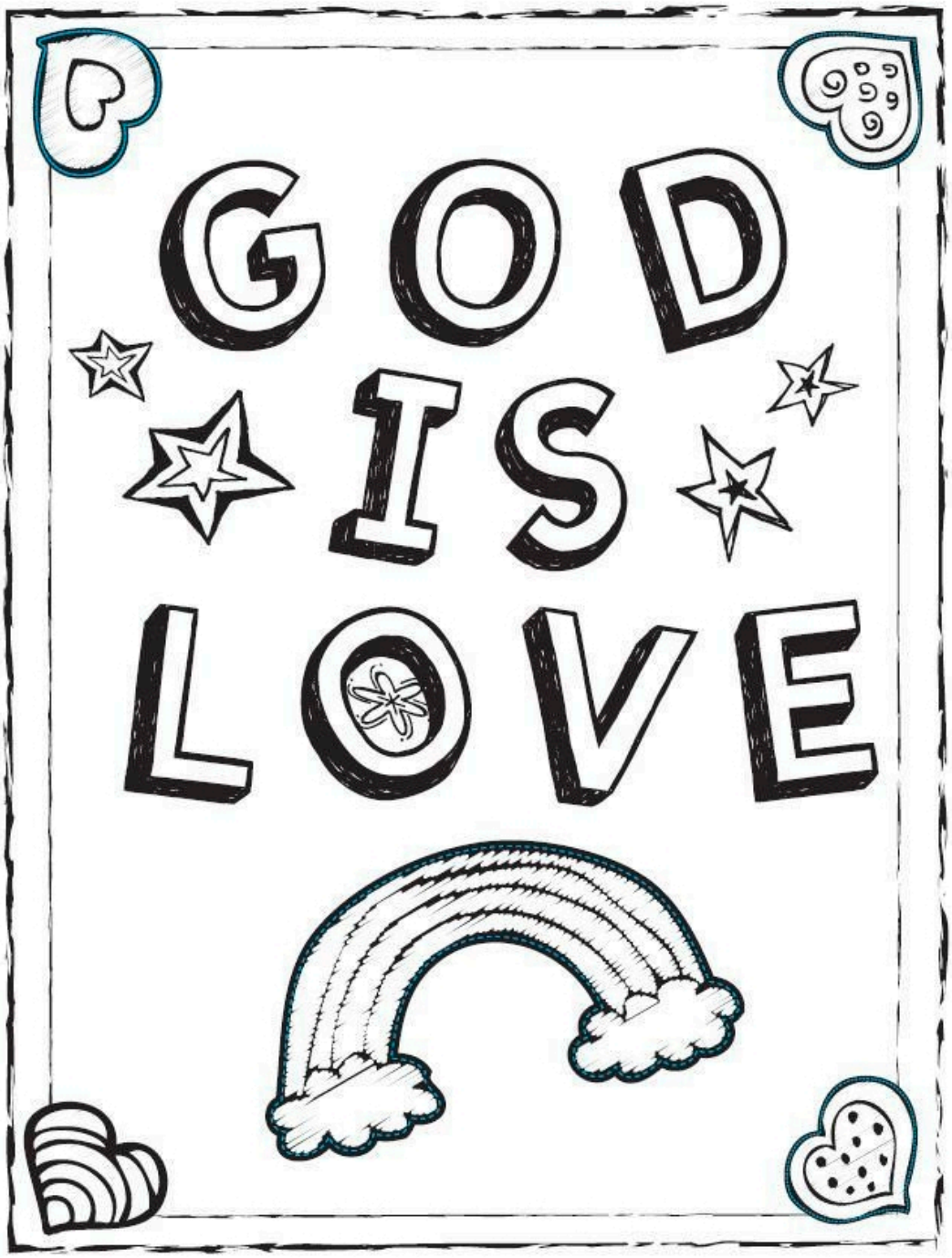

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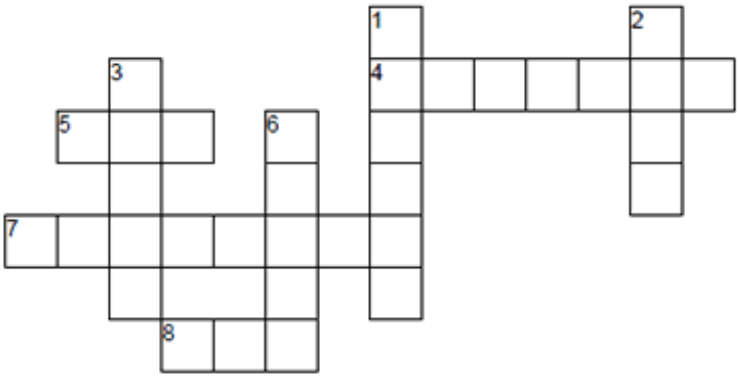
God So Loved the World

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NIV)

Complete the activity below.



ACROSS

4. Lasting forever; without end
5. Male offspring
7. Accept something as being true, genuine, or real
8. The creator of heaven and earth

DOWN

1. To die or be destroyed
2. To rescue from danger or harm
3. The earth with its inhabitants and everything on it
6. Cared very deeply for someone

ETERNAL	WORLD	PERISH	SAVE
LOVED	GOD	BELIEVES	SON

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For God So Loved the World

John 3:16 (NIV)

Name: _____

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O	W	S	G	D	K	I	Z	T	Q	M	P	J	F	E	R	V	B	X	A	C	U	L	N	H	Y

1. 2-25-1-15-17-15-16 _____
2. 2-1-16-23-5 _____
3. 4-1-5 _____
4. 18-15-23-7-15-17-15-3 _____
5. 4-20-17-15 _____
6. 23-7-14-15 _____
7. 3-1-24 _____
8. 15-9-15-16-24-20-23 _____
9. 23-1-17-15-5 _____
10. 12-15-16-7-3-25 _____
11. 1-24-23-26 _____

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS

God	gave	whoever	eternal
loved	only	believes	life
world	Son	perish	

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The puzzle is based on John 3:16-17

M L I Z D Q X P T H R O U G H
V D J P Q W T W V L R C I D A
C Y U L I F E O K D D E D B V
I T S H B N R W L Z K O H M V
S H Z N D G G J L G B S E N D
J G O D B M A M R Y F N L O
S Z E N K D L V M R A W O N
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X R C V T D P I P F P E R S H
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V D B Q G M F H E T E R N A L
U G Y W P N V B E L I E V E S

LOVED	GOD	SON	CONDEMN	BELIEVES
THROUGH	SEND	WHOEVER	LIFE	SAVE
PERISH	ETERNAL	GAVE	HIM	WORLD

ALL ABOUT GOD'S LOVE

Draw a picture showing God's love.

Write your favorite Bible verse about God's love.

For GOD so LOVED the WORLD he gave his only SON

-John 3:16

God's love is...

JESUS LOVES ME

Love one another.

Jesus

GOD is LOVE

-1 John 4:8

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Measuring God's Love

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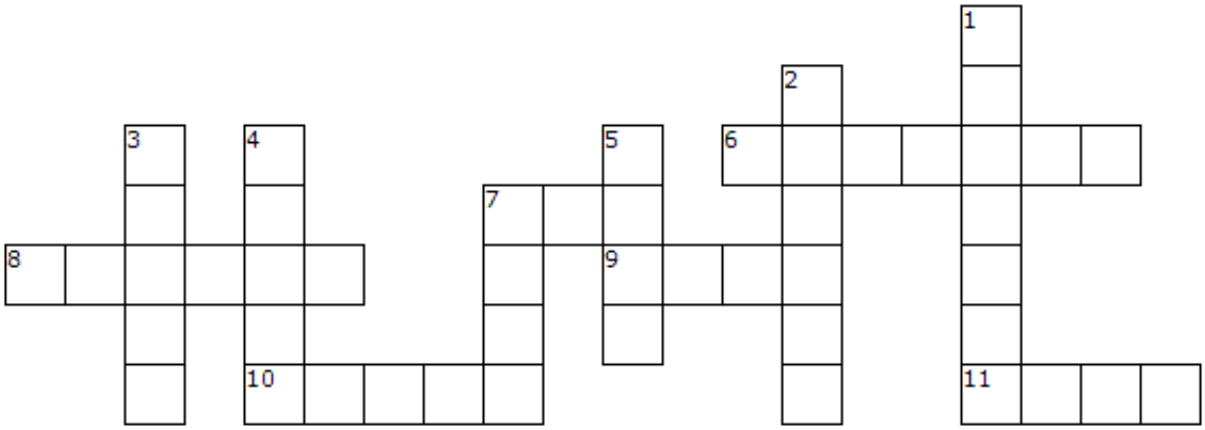

ACROSS

6. To accept something as true, genuine, or real
7. A male child
8. To die or be destroyed
9. To care very deeply for someone
10. A serpent or reptile)
11. The period of time from birth to death

DOWN

1. Lasting forever, without end
2. Hot, dry area of land with few trees or plants
3. The earth with its inhabitants and all things upon it
4. Received the ten commandments from God
5. Alone in its kind, nothing like it
7. To rescue from danger or harm

SNAKE	ETERNAL	SAVE	LOVE
LIFE	SON	PERISH	DESERT
ONLY	BELIEVE	MOSES	WORLD

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1. 20-7-24-17-25 _____
2. 17-1-12-18 _____
3. 10-7-8 _____
4. 11-7-25 _____
5. 5-18-17-1-18-19-18-10 _____
6. 18-22-18-24-8-13-17 _____
7. 21-18-24-1-10-2 _____
8. 17-7-19-18-25 _____
9. 11-13-19-18 _____
10. 20-2-7-18-19-18-24 _____

ETERNAL	GOD	LOVED	SON	BELIEVES
WHOEVER	LIFE	GAVE	PERISH	WORLD

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Choose the word that best matches the definition.
Answers can be found in John 3:16-17 (NIV)

___1. To set the punishment of someone who has committed a crime
A. believes B. perish C. condemn D. loved

___2. To rescue from danger or harm
A. save B. condemn C. perish D. eternal

___3. To die or be destroyed
A. condemn B. save C. believes D. perish

___4. Lasting forever; without end
A. save B. eternal C. whoever D. perish

___5. Male offspring
A. daughter B. sister C. cousin D. Son

___6. Accepts something as being true, genuine, or real
A. perish B. save C. believes D. world

___7. The creator of heaven and earth
A. Moses B. whover C. God D. life

___8. Cared very deeply for someone
A. believed B. loved C. condemned D. world

___9. The earth with its inhabitants and everything upon it
A. save B. perish C. world D. whoever

___10. Anyone; any person
A. world B. whoever C. perish D. eternal

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L N F L S D A H N K R D F I Q
T L D E S E R T Y V E O E B Y
H P I I B E L I E V E S V M J
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SON	ONLY	BELIEVES	MOSES	WHOEVER
PERISH	HIM	WORLD	DESERT	LIFTED
CONDEMN	SNAKE	LOVED	ETERNAL	LIFE
THROUGH	GAVE	SEND	GOD	SAVE

Love Rainbow Craft

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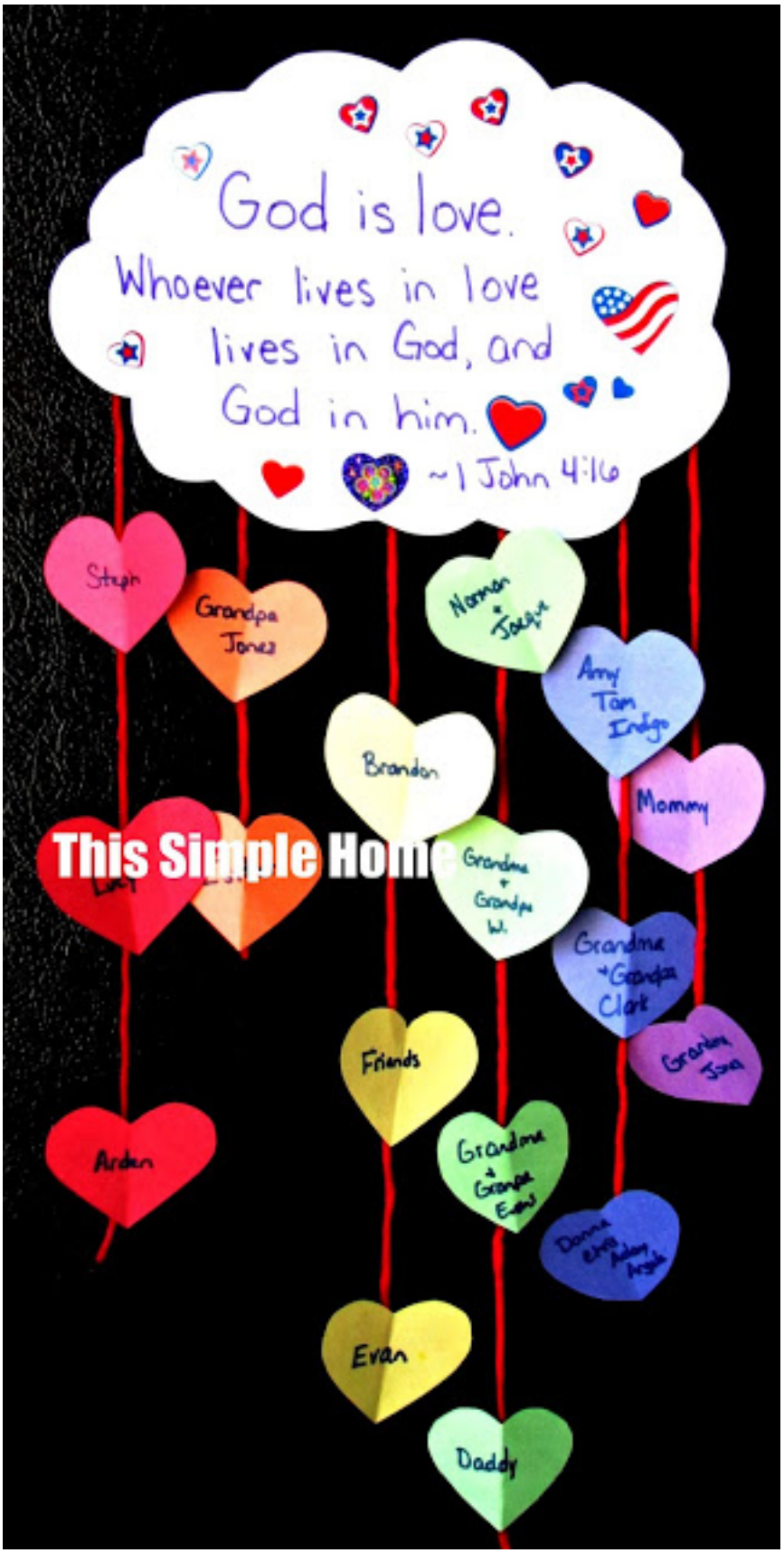
Love. It's an overused, and often misused word, and I am certainly guilty. I created a craft that focuses on people and not things; God and not self.

Before beginning this craft, we read the verse 1 John 4:16 from the Bible and discussed it. We talked about what love does and does not look like and who we can and should demonstrate love to.



While hanging out with Little Sis, I prepared for the craft by cutting out many hearts. To encourage Brother's participation, he delivered them to the kitchen table using his dump truck.

Gather Your Supplies:
Precut hearts (2-4 per color of the rainbow)
Precut "cloud" (I used 8 1/2 x 11 paper)
Heart stickers, optional
Yarn (cut for each color of the rainbow)
Marker
School glue (though tape would also work)
Newspaper or cardboard to cover work surface

Craft:
♥ Begin by choosing a verse or phrase about loving others, and write it on the cloud. I chose 1 John 4:16.
♥ Have your child decorate the cloud with stickers.
♥ Turn the cloud over. Help your child space the yarn appropriately so there will be room for all of the hearts. Glue the yarn to the cloud's back side.
♥ Working in order of the colors of the rainbow (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, [indigo,] violet), place each set of colors along a strand of yarn. Show your child how to space them. See photo below on left.
♥ After knowing placing all of the hearts, glue them to the yarn. See photo below on right.
♥ Let dry. Trim the yarn tails below the hearts.
♥ Hang as a reminder of God's love and our love.

Pin it

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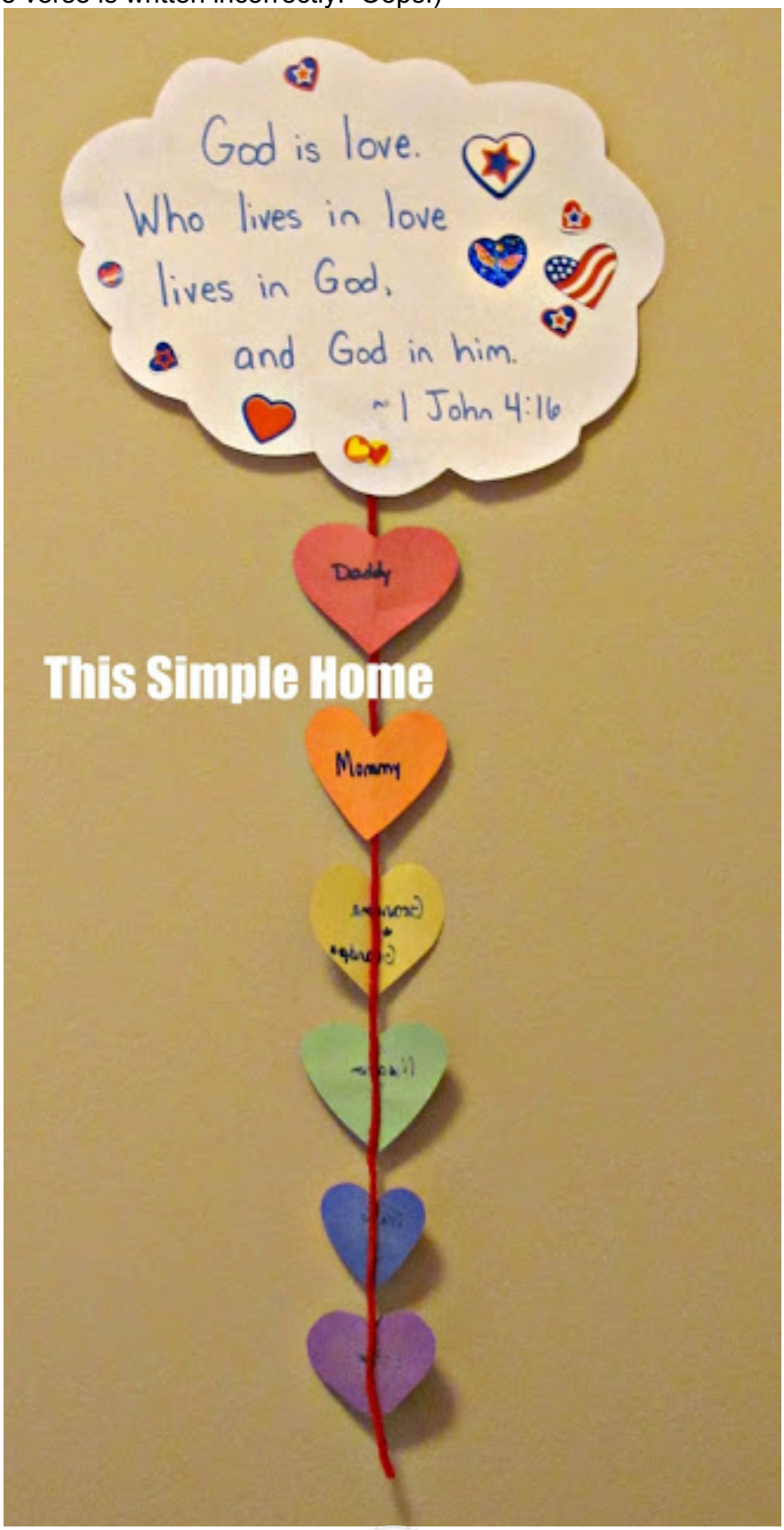
Below is my three year old's love rainbow craft. We began with writing lots of names on hearts, but he was not interested in arranging them, so we chose just a few names to include in his toddler version of the craft. (I do realize the verse is written incorrectly. Oops.)



Please Note:
♥ I would suggest cutting the yarn pieces longer than you think you need.

♥ You could use rainbow-colored yarn.
♥ You could include photographs in place of names.
♥ Instead of writing the names of people, you could write what love looks like when demonstrated. (I wish I had thought of that sooner!)
♥ Consider also using this craft as a prayer list.
♥ As with any craft, we hope we may have inspired you! Keep in mind this is adaptable for toddlers to school-aged children.

We created the simple rainbow craft below years ago. It still hangs in our kitchen cupboard (as a discreet way to display art). My daughter has asked repeatedly if we could make it again. The love rainbow craft was my newly-inspired interpretation of it.