

God's Love 4 – Leader's Guide

- 1. 1 John 4:10 starts with "This is love..." What does that mean? (It means God shows us what love really is. He gives us clear proof and evidence of His love.)**
- 2. 1 John 4:10 says that we did not love God. Explain. (People don't naturally love God. They usually hate him, rebel, and do evil.)**
- 3. 1 John 4:10 tells us that God loved us first. What kind of people were we when God chose to love us? (We were bad people, God's enemies. We did nothing to earn or deserve his love.)**
- 4. What concrete actions show us that God loves us? (God sent his Son. It was hard for the Father to do this. He allowed Jesus to be mocked, tortured, and killed.)**
- 5. Why did the Father send Jesus? (Jesus died instead of us. He took our place on the cross. God didn't want to punish us.)**
- 6. How does Jesus' death help us? (God poured out his anger on his Son. His death turns away God's anger from us., Our sins are gone, and God forgives us. He gives us eternal life.)**
- 7. God gave Jesus what he didn't deserve. What was that? (Torture and death.)**
- 8. God gives us what we don't deserve. What is that? (Forgiveness, joy, peace, and eternal life.)**
- 9. Will you accept Jesus' death as clear proof of God's love for you? Why is this hard? (Many people feel ashamed and guilty. They think they have to earn God's love. Humans don't love unconditionally the way Jesus does, so his love can be hard to accept.)**