

## 3.2 Accept Others

**Bible Verse:** Let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. – 1 John 4:7

**Proclaim:** *God's love enables me to love those whom I dislike.*

**Truth:** We love because God first loved us. And when we love one another, others will be able to see that we are God's disciples.

### Main Lesson Points:

- **A world lacking in love** – Rom 3:23
- **Human nature is self-seeking**  
– 2 Tim 3:2
- **To love others as I love myself**  
– Joh 13:35
- **Love comes from God** – 1 Joh 4:7-21

### Interesting Questions:

(Choose 1 or more to discuss)

- **What kind of people do you find is hard to get along with?**
- **What does the Bible teach us about loving "unlovable" people? (1 John 4:7,8)**
- **How can we show God's unconditional love? (1 John 4:20)**

Scripture:

1 John 4:7-21, 8:1-11

### God Can Mend Hearts:

Many years ago during a bitterly cold winter in Korea, a woman needed to keep her infant alive. She took off the thick clothes that she had on herself and used them to wrap up her child. As a result, she froze to death while her child survived. The greatness of that mother's love enables us to understand the great price that God had paid in giving His only Son. Imagine how God's heart must have broken when His own Son was dying on the cross. How great His pain must have been. But it also speaks to exactly how much He loves us all. Imagine how powerful that love must truly be, and how it can enable us to show His great love to others.

**Act:** God is love. If we don't love others, then we can't truly love God. Do you have a broken relationship with someone? Take steps to mend it today.

### Think:

How did Jesus Christ show the ultimate love for all, not just a select few?

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### Pray:

Use the space below to write a prayer asking God to help you have a heart to love all people:

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