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Scripture Verse for this Week:

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- Cut out & carry with you.
- Say at each mealtime.
- Read at bedtime.
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Prayer for this Week:

Lord God, thank you for loving me and giving me your Son. Help me to believe in him. Amen. (John 3:16)

For Throughout the Day:

God, you have been so kind to me. Help me to do the good things you have in mind for me. Amen. (Ephesians 2:7,10)

A Blessing to Share:

May you always know how much God loves you, and have life with him forever. Amen.

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Faith Talk:

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- Share about a time when you felt really loved. What happened to make you feel that way?
- The Bible tells us that God is love. How has God shown his love for the world?
- In what ways do you experience God's love for you?

Devotional Practices:

To help you think about God's love this week, draw and cut out a large heart shape from a sheet of poster paper. Attach a piece of ribbon or string so that the heart can be strung up on a wall of your home. As you go through the week spend time answering this question: "Today God showed me his love by ...". Write all your responses on the heart and watch as it fills up with signs of God's care for you!

Service:

Make this "SHMILY" Week in your household. SHMILY stands for "See-How-Much-I-Love-You". Make 10 smiley face paper "buttons" for each household member. Challenge each member to give away their SHMILY's through performing ten acts of loving service to others in the home during the week e.g. giving a special hug or back rub, doing a chore without being asked, giving a special compliment.

Rituals and Traditions:

The cross is the ultimate sign of God's heartfelt love for the world. Through the cross of Jesus, God cleans away our sins. During this week, spend some time carving crosses and hearts from soft bars of soap. Draw cross and heart shapes on soap bars (one per bar) and carefully carve away excess soap using table knives (save the soap chips and add water to make liquid hand soap). Use your heart and cross-shaped soaps as a reminder of the cleansing love of God!

Parent Toolbox:

Ways to Show God's Love to Your Children:

- Teach them about God's grace in Christ.
- Help them become part of a caring church community.
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- Pray for them and with them every day.
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