

Winter Quarter 2026-27

The Love of God

Love Sends a Savior

Dec. 6	The Lord's Compassion	<i>Lamentations 3:1-3, 19-39</i>
Dec. 13	Salvation for Zion	<i>Isaiah 62:1-12</i>
Dec. 20	Light of the World (Christmas)	<i>John 1:1-14</i>
Dec. 27	Born of the Spirit	<i>John 3:1-21</i>

Jesus' Love for the World

Jan. 3	The Good Shepherd	<i>John 10:1-18</i>
Jan. 10	A New Commandment	<i>John 13:31-38</i>
Jan. 17	Keep My Commandments	<i>John 14:15-24</i>

Living Out God's Love

Jan. 24	Do Not Walk in Darkness	<i>1 John 2:3-17</i>
Jan. 31	Do Not Sin	<i>1 John 3:1-10</i>
Feb. 7	Love Your Brother and Sister	<i>1 John 3:11-24</i>
Feb. 14	Love and Trust in God	<i>1 John 5:1-12</i>
Feb. 21	Walk in Love	<i>2 John 1:1-13</i>
Feb. 28	Walk in Truth	<i>3 John 1:1-14</i>

The main theme for this quarter's lessons is God's love. Lesson 1 introduces God's compassion as revealed to Israel as they endured the hardship of the Babylonian conquest (Lam. 3:1-3, 19-39). Isaiah proclaimed God's future deliverance for the nation that He loves (lesson 2) (Isa. 62:1-12).

The ultimate demonstration of God's love is His sending Jesus Christ into the world (lessons 3 and 4) (John 1:1-14; 3:1-21). Lesson 5 explains Jesus' role as humanity's Good Shepherd (10:1-18). He provides the ultimate example of a loving attitude and compassion in action.

Jesus gave His disciples a new commandment to follow (lesson 6) (13:31-38). The command to love one another provides a clear example for those who follow Christ. The reality of love for Christ and other people is not just some kind words. It involves obedience to Christ's commands (lesson 7) (14:15-24).

The final unit of the quarter explores what it means to live out God's love. These lessons are drawn from John's letters.

Lesson 8 builds on this requirement of loving obedience to Christ. Believers need to walk in the light and reject the ways of darkness in their pursuit of living out God's love (1 John 2:3-17). We must avoid sin, for it is the antithesis of obedience to Christ (lesson 9) (3:1-10).

Jesus provides the perfect example of how to love one another. He laid down His life for us. Lesson 10 explains that we need to follow His example in our love for one another (vss. 11-24).

Our love for God is deeply connected to our love for one another as disciples. Lesson 11 explains this concept more completely as it investigates 1 John 5:1-12.

Lesson 12 adds another element to the discussion of walking in love. Second John 1:1-13 explains that a genuine Christian can walk in love and reject false teaching. In fact, it is necessary to reject such error if we are to walk in love.

The final lesson of the quarter discusses further the need to walk in truth for those who want to love God and one another. It is crucial that we walk in hospitality and avoid following bad examples, reflecting on those who are worthy of imitation (3 John 1:1-14).