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Love Came Down



• Christmas **reminds** us that God's love **came** to earth for us

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

## 1 John 4:9

- Love came down to give us <u>love</u>
  - The love of the **Father**

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

#### 1 John 3:1

 God could not love you any <u>more</u> or any <u>less</u> than He does right now

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### Romans 8:38-39

The love of the Son

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

#### Romans 5:8

 Christ's love for you is not based on anything you <u>have</u> or <u>have</u> <u>not</u> done Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

John 15:13

# Our <u>Response</u>

Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

### Matthew 22:37-40

- Love <u>God</u>, love our <u>neighbors</u>
- Love should be the <u>trademark</u> of the church

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:35

But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.

#### Luke 6:35

• Love came down to show <u>us</u> how to <u>love</u>