

Family Worship Guide – Week 29

MEMORIZE

1 Peter 1:24-25 – For “all flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

READ

Read 1 Peter 1.

Peter writes an incredible letter to followers of Jesus who are scattered across many different churches. In his letter, especially in the first chapter, he reminds them of the gospel, the truths that lead them to turn from their sin and follow Christ. He gives one of the most encouraging words in all the New Testament to them in verses 8-9: “Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”

At the end of the first chapter, Peter shows them that one of the most powerful results of their new life in Jesus is that they are filled with his love for the church. Through the gospel, God has taken their hearts and made them clean, enabling them and empowering them to love their brothers and sisters in Christ. He reminds them of the great power of God’s Words that rescued them from their old lives and gave them new life in Jesus.

Questions:

What does this passage teach us about God? What does this passage teach us about man?

Are there any commands that we need to obey in this passage? Are there any promises that we can hope in?

What sticks out to you in this passage? What is your favorite part? What is your least favorite part? What part of Jesus’ words bring the most joy to you?

Bottom Line: Continual feasting on the gospel of God will produce the fruit of Christ-like love and unity in the church.

SING

This week we will sing the song “No Other Name” written by Codie Gibbons. This song paints a picture of the gospel and is a reminder of the hope we have in Christ. As we sing we are reminded that Jesus is the creator of all things and the author of salvation. Acts 4:11 says, “And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

It is only through Jesus that we are made right in the sight of God. Because of Christ we are made new. As we sing, let’s rejoice in our Savior, singing, “There’s no other name that save, there’s no other name that heals the broken. Jesus!”

Visit our website for a link to this song: www.brookhills.org/gathering/this_week.html.

SUGGESTIONS

These suggestions were created by the age-group ministry leaders as a way to help parents better communicate the biblical truths discussed in the Family Worship Guide. These suggestions are intended to help parents facilitate God-centered discussions with their children. Parents should prayerfully use these suggestions, and any other means necessary, to help their children discover the truths of God’s word and worship him together.

Preschool

- Before you begin, print a copy of the 2 coloring sheets attached to this document. One is a blank heart outline, the other is a heart filled with the word “love.” You will also need crayons or markers.
- Read 1 Peter 1:1 with your preschooler.
- Tell your child that the Bible is God’s word. God’s Word is powerful. It is true and it will last forever and ever!
- Explain to your preschooler that as followers of Christ, we have been given the truth of the gospel. Remember, the truth of the gospel is that God sent our Savior Jesus, who died on the cross for us and made a way for us to know him so that our sins would be forgiven, and to live forever in heaven with him.

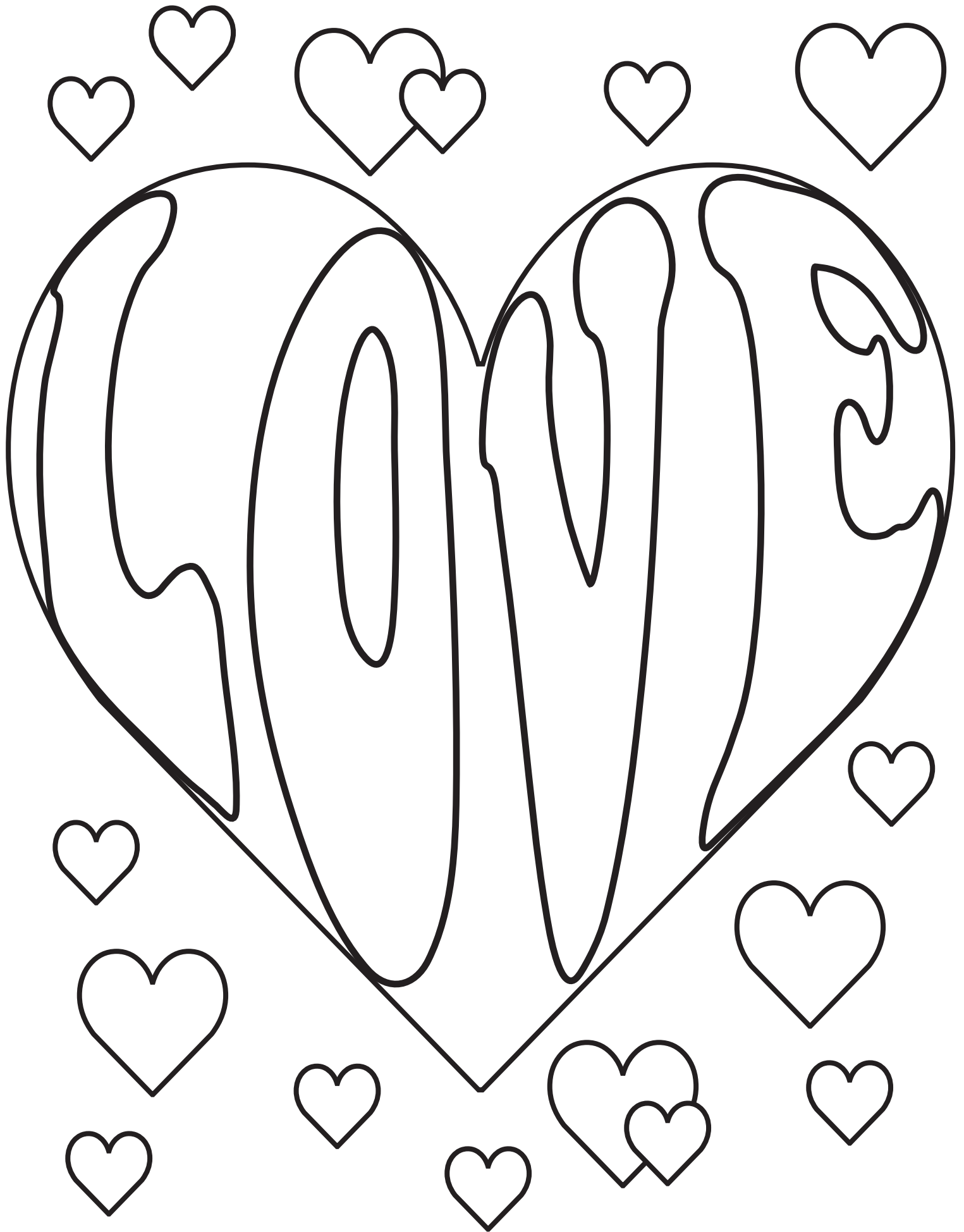
- Have your preschooler color the picture of the blank heart using the color gray or black to illustrate sin. While they are coloring it explain to them that without Christ, our hearts are not filled with God's love. This heart is not very pretty is it?
- Tell them that when we believe in Christ, choose to follow him, and turn away for our sins and bad choices, God gives us a new life in Jesus. He gives us a heart filled with love for all people. God takes our old heart and makes it clean.
- Next, have your child color the picture of the heart with the word "love" in it using whatever colors they desire. Remark on how beautiful a heart filled with God's love is. Don't you want to share this pretty picture with everyone? That's what God's love does. It changes us and fills us with so much love that we want to share his love with everyone. That's how powerful God's love is. God's love lasts forever!
- Pray and thank God for his powerful and everlasting love for us. Pray that you and your family will know his love and be forever changed by his love, sharing it with everyone.

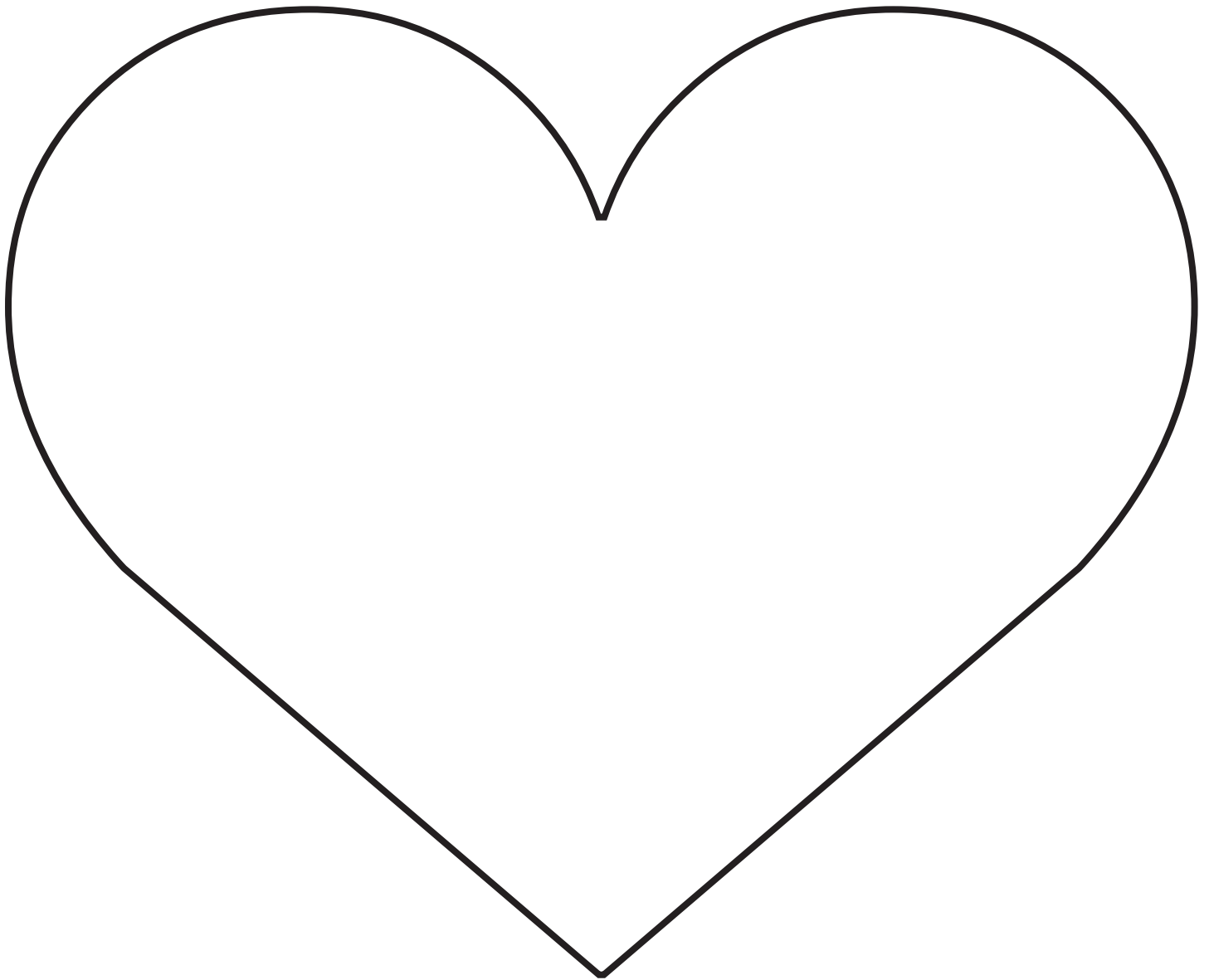
Children

- Read 1 Peter 1:3-9. Peter's words give us great hope and encouragement. Talk through the gospel together. Explain that because of the gospel our hope is not just for a faraway future, but our hope begins the minute we trust Christ and join God's family. When difficult things happen in our lives, the good news of the gospel gives us confidence and courage to keep on going.
- Ask the children who they want to be like when they grow up. Brother? Sister? Mom or Dad? Talk about what characteristics these people have that they would like to imitate. Perhaps they are loving, funny, athletic, kind, or wise, etc.
- Read 1 Peter 1:15-16. When we are born again our desire should be to imitate God. Discuss what that means. Explain that being holy means being dedicated to the service of God. We are to be different and not blend in with the crowd. What makes us different are God's qualities displayed in our lives. Make a list of God's qualities. Post it where it will be a daily reminder of who we want to be.
- Read 1 Peter 1:22. Sincere love means not thinking about ourselves but focusing on others. The gospel is our example. We cannot love this way on our own, but the Holy Spirit will help us. Decide on a way you can love someone using Christ's sacrificial example this week, then as a family, pray for the Holy Spirit to help you show that love.

Students

- List any habits, hobbies, and/or activities that you are involved in on a regular basis. Do these things take up a large portion of your time? Did they start out taking that much time, or did the time invested increase as you got more involved with them?
- Discuss how these activities affect what you are passionate about and the way in which you schedule your life.
- Read the following passages and list the three things mentioned that last forever.
 - Psalms 93:2
 - Peter 1:24-25/Isaiah 40:8
 - Thessalonians 4:16-17
- The three things mentioned in these passages that last forever are God, his Word, and the souls of people. As Christ-followers we are called to hold lightly to the things of this world and in turn hold tightly to things that are eternal.
- How might someone continually focus on each of these three things: God, the Word of God, and the souls of people? How might that affect someone's time?
- Discuss how you might take steps toward making God, his Word, and others that aren't in relationship with him a priority in your life. What are some practical changes you can make?





Heart