

LESSON 4

GOD'S LOVE ENDURES FOREVER

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: God's Love Is Faithful

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 103; 136

GOD'S BIG STORY: Psalms 103 and 136 express deep gratitude to God for His faithful love—His compassion, grace, patience, and presence. These songs help God's people remember who God is and that His faithful love goes on forever!

WORD OF WONDER: How God made me is amazing and wonderful. —from Psalm 139:14

FOUNDATION BUILDING BLOCKS

WHO?

Psalm 103 is attributed to David, but Psalm 136 doesn't list an author. Yet the main "who" of both of these psalms is God—He is praised and extolled for His great works throughout these praise songs.

WHAT?

Psalms 103 and 136 spend the majority of the song poems praising God for His goodness, faithfulness, and compassion. Psalm 136 is likely a praise song with a worship leader reciting truths about God and the congregation responding with "His love endures forever!"

WHERE?

Both Psalms 103 and 136 talk about the exodus from Egypt, where God's people were enslaved by the pharaoh. God stepped in and rescued His people from their slavery, sending signs and wonders and parting the Red Sea!

WHEN?

Psalm 136 is the final psalm in the "song of ascents" or the "Great Hallel." People likely sang them as they walked up to Jerusalem during the great yearly feasts of Tabernacles, Passover, and Pentecost. These psalms would remind them of God's faithfulness.

CONNECTING TO GOD'S BIG STORY

God is always faithful. He doesn't treat us as our sins deserve—He forgives us and keeps His promises. Long after the psalms were written, God showed His faithful love by sending Jesus. As Paul writes, "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

Object Lesson: Explore a Hoop

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church.

Welcome! We're going to talk today about God's love and how He never stops loving us! Let's play with a hoop and remember how God's love never ends.

Can you find the beginning and end of the hoop? Allow the kids to look at the hoop and point out that there is no beginning or end.

There is no beginning or end to this hoop! It goes on and on, which reminds us of God's love. The Bible says God's faithful love endures forever! It doesn't stop, no matter what. We can praise God because His love is faithful, and His faithful love lasts forever. Let's play a game with this hoop to help us get curious about God's faithful love!

Let the kids play with the hoop. They can walk or climb through it while you hold it upright. You can lay it on the ground and let them walk or hop into it. They can put it around their waists or toss it gently.

This hoop reminds us that God's love never stops. That means it endures. It doesn't stop. It's faithful—we can count on it. We can praise God today for His love! Today we'll learn more about how God's faithful love endures forever.

Activity: Heart, Hot, Cold

We're going to do an activity where I'll say something, and you'll touch or step on the picture that describes it. If I say something that's hot, you'll go to the hot picture. If I say something that's cold, you'll go to the cold picture. If I say, "God," you'll go to the heart picture because God is love.

Invite the toddlers to touch or step on the picture that describes each of the following (or make up your own to add):

- Hot chocolate (hot)
- Ice cream (cold)
- God (heart)
- Snow (cold)
- The sun (hot)
- God (heart)
- Ice cubes (cold)
- Bonfire (hot)
- Cooking on the stove (hot)
- God (heart)



We're learning about God's love today. We can always count on God's love. It will always be with us. Kind of like how we can trust that snow is always cold or a fire is always hot. We can count on those things. A fire won't change and be cold. God's love doesn't change. That means it's faithful. We'll learn about that today.

Our Wonder Truth today is: **GOD'S LOVE IS FAITHFUL.**

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

GOD'S—*Point up.*

LOVE—*Wrap your arms in a hug around yourself.*

IS FAITHFUL—*Raise arms up high, hands open.*

Word of Wonder

WORD OF WONDER

How God made me is amazing and wonderful.

—from Psalm 139:14

Display the Word of Wonder Slide or [Video](#), if using. **Our Word of Wonder for the Wonderfully Made series is from Psalm 139:14. Let's practice saying the Word of Wonder together.** Practice the verse with the kids.

Encourage the kids to do the motions and say the verse with you.

- **HOW GOD**—*Point up with both hands.*
- **MADE ME**—*Point to yourself with two thumbs.*
- **IS AMAZING**—*Put one arm out to your side for each word.*
- **AND WONDERFUL.**—*Burst both arms up and out to the sides at the same time.*
- **FROM PSALM 139:14**—*Hold your hands open in front of you, as if holding a book.*

Prayer and Blessing

Let's talk to God. When I say, "love" or "loving," give yourself a hug. If you still have the paper hearts from God's Big Story, invite the kids to hold up the paper hearts.

Dear God, thank You for loving (kids respond) us. Thank You for being kind and patient with us. God, help us show others Your love (kids respond). We love (kids respond) You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands are open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

Blessing: God loves you, and nothing can take that love away. Now and forever, feel safe in that love. Let it sink deeply into your heart and be with you every day, no matter what. God's love is faithful—forever and always.

Activity: Heart Stamps

Set out the sheets of paper, ink pads, and heart-shaped stamps. Watch the kids carefully to make sure they don't put anything in their mouths or make a mess with the stamps. Provide wet wipes to help with any messes.

Today we're learning about how God loves us no matter what and that He loves us forever! God's love is faithful. Let's make heart pictures to remind us of God's great love. We can thank God for His faithful love.

Let the kids use the stamps to make pictures they can take home as a reminder of God's never-ending love. You can also let the kids use heart-shaped stickers or coloring utensils.