

1 John 4:7–5:21



Memory Verse: *He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life* (1 John 5:12 NIV).

Lesson Helps:

A possible aim for this week's lesson: My students will learn the unbreakable connection between the love of God and our love for each other, so that they will love their fellow Christians. Your key verse will become: "Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:11). In children's classes, the repeated reference in this passage to the Father sending his Son (1 John 4:9-10, 14) gives the teacher opportunity to retell the story of Jesus' crucifixion, emphasizing how his death displays the love of God.

Alternatively, see the suggested three-week aim for the book of 1 John from Forecast Year 3, Week 44: My students will learn three marks of a born again Christian, so that they will determine to exhibit each of these marks in their own lives, thus strengthening their assurance of new birth.

Assignment:

-  Read 2 and 3 John and Jude.
-  Memorize Jude 1:3