

## **Candle Liturgy Week Four - Love**

Scripture: 1 John 4:7-12 (NIV)  
12/19/21

*Listen to the podcast and then use these questions / activities to engage further with the material. Our hope is that you'll gather around a table once a week to celebrate and reflect on the meaning of Advent.*

### **Kid Questions**

- God is love, and when we show love to others it shows them God's love. Would you share a time when someone has been loving towards you?
- Jesus is a perfect example of God's love. Can you think of some stories in the Bible when Jesus shows love?
- How do you like to be loving towards others?

### **"I love you" Hand Tracing**

Supplies:

- Paper
- Scissors
- Coloring supplies
- Clear Tape

Instructions:

- Trace a hand onto a sheet of paper.
  - Use a marker so you can see the outline from the back side.
  - Have the fingers spread enough that you can cut along the tracing easily.
- Color the hand (front & back).
- Cut out the hand.
- Tape the middle finger and ring finger down to make the "I love you" sign.
- Tape one on every family member's bedroom door to remind them of God's love, and your love!

### **For Everyone**

How is God's love for the world similar to the love humans have for one another? How is it unique? How might we begin to love people the way God does? What would you add to or change in the way you perceive and act toward others?

### **Dive Deeper**

In becoming a human baby, born to a peasant couple, Christ subjected himself to self-denial and loss of status (see Philippians 2:6-8). Where have you seen anyone express this same kind of love? What are some current situations that might call for you to act in this way? What grace and strength would God need to provide in order for you to do this?

### **Prayer**

Loving God, we thank you for your gift of love shown to us perfectly in Jesus Christ our Lord. Help us prepare our hearts to receive Him. Bless our family and our church. Help us to hear and do Your word. We ask it in the name of the one born in Bethlehem. Amen.