



# CAMP LONE STAR

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LOMT Sunday 2017  
Children's Sermon, 1 John 3:16

**Key Verse:** *"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters." (1 John 3:16, NIV)*

**Main Point:** Jesus uses us to share His great love for people.

One of the last things I always say to my family before we go to bed, or before I get off the phone, or before I leave the house in the morning is this: I LOVE YOU!

How many of you say I LOVE YOU to your mom and dad? To your brother or sister? To your grandma or grandpa?

What does it mean to love someone? (*answers*) You are exactly right. When you love someone, you tell them AND you show them in little and big ways. What are some more ways you can show love?

Have you ever done something mean to someone you love... like talk back to your mom or dad... or pinch your brother or sister... or hurt somebody's feelings by calling them a name? When we do things like that, it doesn't seem like we love them very much does it?

Jesus taught His disciples to love one another as He loved them... He taught them to be nice to one another, and to feed the hungry, and to help the poor and the sick and the hurting people. He taught us to share. But He didn't just talk about it... HE ACTUALLY DID ALL THOSE THINGS FOR PEOPLE! He showed them with His actions how much He loved them.

And He showed you and me how much He loves us too! When Jesus died on the cross, that is the most amazing act of love that only He could do. Because of the cross, we are forgiven of all the times we don't love like He calls us to. Jesus didn't just talk about loving people, He did it too!

He tells us that not only should we tell people that God loves them, but that we should also show them by helping them. If people are hungry, we should feed them. If people are sick, we should help them feel better. If people need shelter, we should open up our

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homes. God has given you and me many blessings. They are His special blessings to us and He tells us that we should use them to help people.

When you are at home this week, I want you to do something very special. I want you to find a way to show your mom and dad that you love them. Not just with your words, but with your actions. What are some ways you could do that? (*share ways*) I look forward to hearing your stories next week about how it goes.

**Prayer:** Will you pray with me?

Dear Jesus, thank you for showing your love to me on the cross. Help me to share your love with other people this week in the things I say, and in the things I do. Amen.



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