

Chapter 24 **Love One Another**

We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him. *1 John 4:16*

To the Parents:

In chapter 24, your child learned the following:

- Love is the fullness of Christian life.
- Christians are judged by how well they love one another.
- Christians are called to an eternal life of love and happiness with God.

The words of Jesus are clear—it is absolutely necessary that love be the motivating factor for those who would follow Jesus as his disciples. Loving one another is not always easy or simple. Human weakness often results in failure to love. Jesus asks that his disciples look at the ways in which he loves them for the model of love. Jesus came to show all people how to love: with selfless concern and care for others.

Jesus' model of loving service is one that Christians attempt to follow. In his life and in his death, Jesus put the welfare of others before his own. He cared deeply for the oppressed, for the outcasts, for children, for women, for sinners, and for all who struggle with the difficulties of human existence. He provided answers for them: God's love will overcome all injustice, evil, and suffering. This will happen only when believers begin to live out the true meaning of love—serving others as Jesus taught.

With Your Child:

1. Read Paul's definitions of love in the Bible (*1 Corinthians 13:1-7*) and talk about his many statements of what love is.
2. Think of stories or songs about love and point out the ones which show examples of true, Christian love—selfless and eternal. Talk about these examples.
3. Take care not to take love for granted. Remind your family members and friends of your love, with both words and deeds.
4. Together read about Dante Alighieri on the Review and Explore page.