

TOPIC: God's Love for Man

Lesson Objectives

By the end of this lesson, students should be able to:

- 1. Explain the meaning of God's love for mankind**
 - 2. Identify and explain Bible passages that show God's love**
 - 3. Describe the story of Hosea and its symbolic meaning**
 - 4. List appropriate human responses to God's love**
 - 5. Apply the lessons to daily life**
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1. Meaning of God's Love for Man

What is Love?

- **Love** is a deep feeling of care, kindness, and sacrifice towards others.

What is God's Love?

- **God's love for man** is **unconditional**, meaning He loves us **no matter what**.
 - It is **sacrificial**, shown by the fact that He gave **His only Son, Jesus**, to die for our sins.
 - It is **eternal**, meaning it never ends.
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Characteristics of God's Love

Characteristics Meaning

Unconditional God loves us even when we sin

Sacrificial God gave His Son for our salvation

Endless God's love has no limit

Merciful God forgives our sins

Faithful God never gives up on us

2. Bible References on God's Love

A) John 3:16–18

"**For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.**"

Explanation:

- God's love is for **all people** – no tribe, race, or color is excluded.
 - God gave **Jesus Christ** to die for sinners.
 - Anyone who believes in Jesus will **not perish** but will have **eternal life**.
 - Those who reject Jesus bring **condemnation** upon themselves.
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B) Hosea Chapters 1–4

Summary of the Story of Hosea

- **Hosea** was a prophet sent by God to Israel.
 - God told Hosea to **marry Gomer**, a woman who was unfaithful to him.
 - Even after Gomer left him for other men, Hosea still **loved her and took her back**.
 - This marriage was a **symbol of God's love** for Israel, even though they sinned by worshipping idols.
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Meaning of Hosea's Story:

Hosea's Marriage God's Love

Gomer was unfaithful Israel was unfaithful by worshipping idols

Hosea forgave her God forgives His people

Hosea kept loving her God's love never ends

Lessons from Hosea:

1. **God loves His people**, no matter how sinful they are.
 2. **God is ready to forgive** if we repent.
 3. **God wants us to remain faithful** to Him.
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3. Human Response to God's Love

Because God loves us, we should:

| Response | Action |
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| Believe in Jesus | Accept Christ as Savior |
| Obey God's Word | Follow the commandments |
| Repent from Sin | Confess and forsake sin |
| Show Love to Others | Forgive, help, and care for people |
| Worship and Praise God | Thank God daily |

Bible Support:

- **1 John 4:19**

"We love because He first loved us."

4. Importance of God's Love

| Benefit | Explanation |
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| Salvation | Jesus died to save us from sin |
| Forgiveness | God forgives us when we repent |
| Hope | We have hope of eternal life |
| Guidance | God leads us through life |

| Benefit | Explanation |
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Peace and Joy We live with inner peace

5. Application to Daily Life

| At Home | At School | In the Community |
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Obey parents Respect teachers Help the needy

Forgive siblings Avoid bullying Volunteer to help others

Pray daily Be honest in exams Show kindness to strangers

6. Summary of Key Points

- God's love is **unconditional, sacrificial, and faithful**.
 - **John 3:16–18** shows the greatest proof of His love: **Jesus' death on the cross**.
 - The story of **Hosea and Gomer** represents God's love for unfaithful people.
 - We should **respond by loving God back, obeying Him, and loving others**.
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7. Evaluation Questions

1. Quote **John 3:16**.
 2. What does the story of **Hosea and Gomer** teach about God's love?
 3. List **three characteristics** of God's love.
 4. How should humans respond to God's love?
 5. Mention **two benefits** of God's love.
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8. Assignment

Write a **short essay** (not more than 150 words) on:

“Why is God’s Love Important in Today’s World?”

Give at least **3 examples** of how people can show God’s love daily.

9. Memory Verse

John 3:16

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

10. Real-Life Examples of God’s Love

Example of God’s Love Explanation

Sending Jesus to die for us Greatest act of love

Giving us life daily We wake up every day

Forgiving our sins When we repent sincerely

Providing for our needs Food, water, protection