SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Big Idea: We should be like Jesus.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Leviticus 19:1-18
Matthew 5
Luke 10:25-37
1 Corinthians 13
Luke 17:1-6
John 16:17-33
1 John 2:1-14

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1 John 2:1-6

How do we get to "know" Jesus? What does that process look like in your life? Why are verses 1&2 important in that process?

1 John 2:7-11

How can something be old and new at the same time?
Who is your brother?
What is love?
What does love for your brother look like?
Who do you find it easiest to love?
What does hate for your brother look like?
Who do you find it easiest to hate?
Why doesn't John leave us a middle ground between love and hate?

1 John 2:12-14

How does John describe those he is writing to? How are you like or unlike them? Why?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Thank God for the mercy and forgiveness He's given you.

Pray for the strength to forgive others.

Ask for God's blessing on someone

you are struggling to love.

Ask for someone to help hold you accountable.

FAMILY RESOURCE

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Read I JOHN 2:1

What is sin? Look up the word SIN in the dictionary. Should we sin?

How many sins can you name? Make a list.
What are some ways that parents, schools, government, etc., remind us NOT to sin?

Read I JOHN 2:1-2

How do we get rid of sin?
Find some twigs and make a cross.
Have you asked Jesus to talk to God about your sin?
Thank God that he forgives you
and ask Him to help you to stop sinning.

Read I JOHN 2:3-6

How do we know that someone loves Jesus?
How do we learn what Jesus wants us to do?
Notice how each of you do or don't look alike.
That is one way people can tell that you belong together.
Notice the things you do alike.

That is another way people can tell you belong together.

READ 1 JOHN 2:7-8

Read the following verses from the "OLD" Testament and compare them to the verse in the "NEW" Testament: Deuteronomy 6:5; Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 22:37-40.

READ 1 JOHN 2:9-11

Hate is like what? Love is like what? How does hate make us stumble? Play "hide and seek" with "it" blindfolded. Then, play it again without the blindfold.

READ 1 JOHN 2:12-14

Why would John write to you? How are you like Jesus?

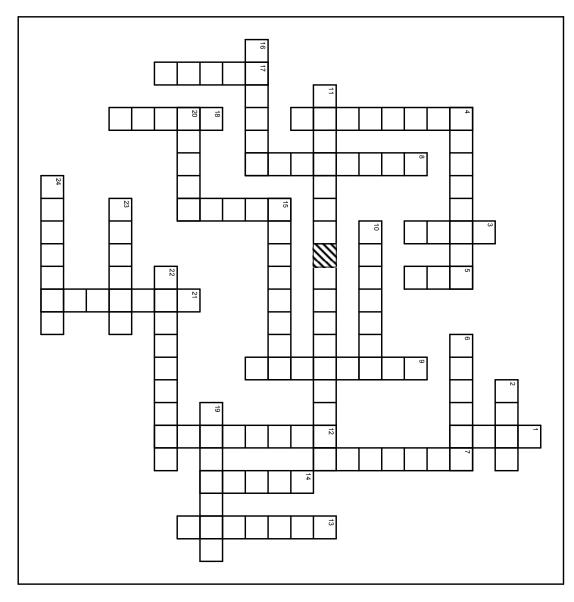
MEMORY VERSE:

	But if	obey	s His word,	1
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		1 John 2:5	-6	

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All clues are from the NIV version of the Bible.



Across

- 4. orders (1 John 2:3) 6. talks (1 John 2:1) 10. anvone /1 one who does not tell the truth (1 John 2:4)
- anyone (1 John 2:6) a full payment for sin
- (1 John 2:2) defeated (1 John 2:13) professes (1 John 2:6)
- <u>1</u>6.
- putting words on paper (1 John 2:7) doesn't love (1 John 2:9) start (1 John 2:13)
- <u>1</u>9.
- another name for God (1 John 2:13) unable to see (1 John 2:11)
- 20. 23. 24.

Down

- live and do (1 John 2:6)
 have a close relationship with (1 John 2:3)
 mature (1 John 2:5)
 what God says is wrong

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- (1 John 2:1) fall (1 John 2:10) absence of light (1 John 2:8) children of God are this (1 John 2:12)
- 12 John writes to them
- (1 John 2:1)
- <u>3</u> spreading light (1 John 2:8)
- 4. a person who loves lives in this (1 John 2:10)
- 15.
- submits and does (1 John 2:5)
 God's word does this in us (1 John 2:14)
 entire (1 John 2:2)
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- 21. protection (1 John 2:1)

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Be Like Jesus

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