

SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Big Idea: I must receive love to give love.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Revelation 3:17
1 John 4:13-21
Matthew 6:32
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Matthew 6:8
Hebrews 4:16

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Tell about a time when you were given a gift you really felt you didn't deserve.

1 Timothy 1:12 -17

Why did Paul feel so unworthy to receive God's love?
Have you ever felt the same way? If so, when and why?
How did God express His love to Paul?
How has God expressed His love to you?

1 John 4:13 – 21

When did God love us?
Once we have acknowledged Jesus (received God's love) how is His love described?
What does John mean when he says that "perfect love casts out fear"? What does perfect love create or build?
Why does hate show that we do not love God?
What makes God's gift of love so hard to receive?
Why must we admit that we have needs before we can recognize and receive love?
What can you do if you are attempting to love someone and they don't recognize it?

Unwrapping the gift of love:

I freely admit that I have needs.

I realize that having my needs met is experiencing love.

I freely admit that I desire to be loved.

I choose to let God love me through you.

I let you love me; on your terms, not mine.

I am fulfilled when I have experienced love.

I am now able to love others out of my own fulfillment.

PRAYER FOCUS:

Praise God for His love.

Share with God your needs.

Thank God for the needs He is meeting in your life.

Ask God to show you how to better love someone close to you.

FAMILY RESOURCE

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READ 1 JOHN 4:4

How are we great?

What makes a shadow puppet work?
How many different shadow puppets can you make with your hands?

READ 1 JOHN 4:7-8

How can we tell if someone knows God?
Trace around your hand.

Mix up your tracings and then see if you can match them with the correct hands.

READ 1 JOHN 4:9-10

How do you show your love for others?
Make some valentine gift coupons.

READ 1 JOHN 4:19

Who gave love first?
Let others be first today.

READ 1 JOHN 4:20-21

How does loving God change our relationship with others?
Tell each other one nice thing you are going to do for someone you don't like.

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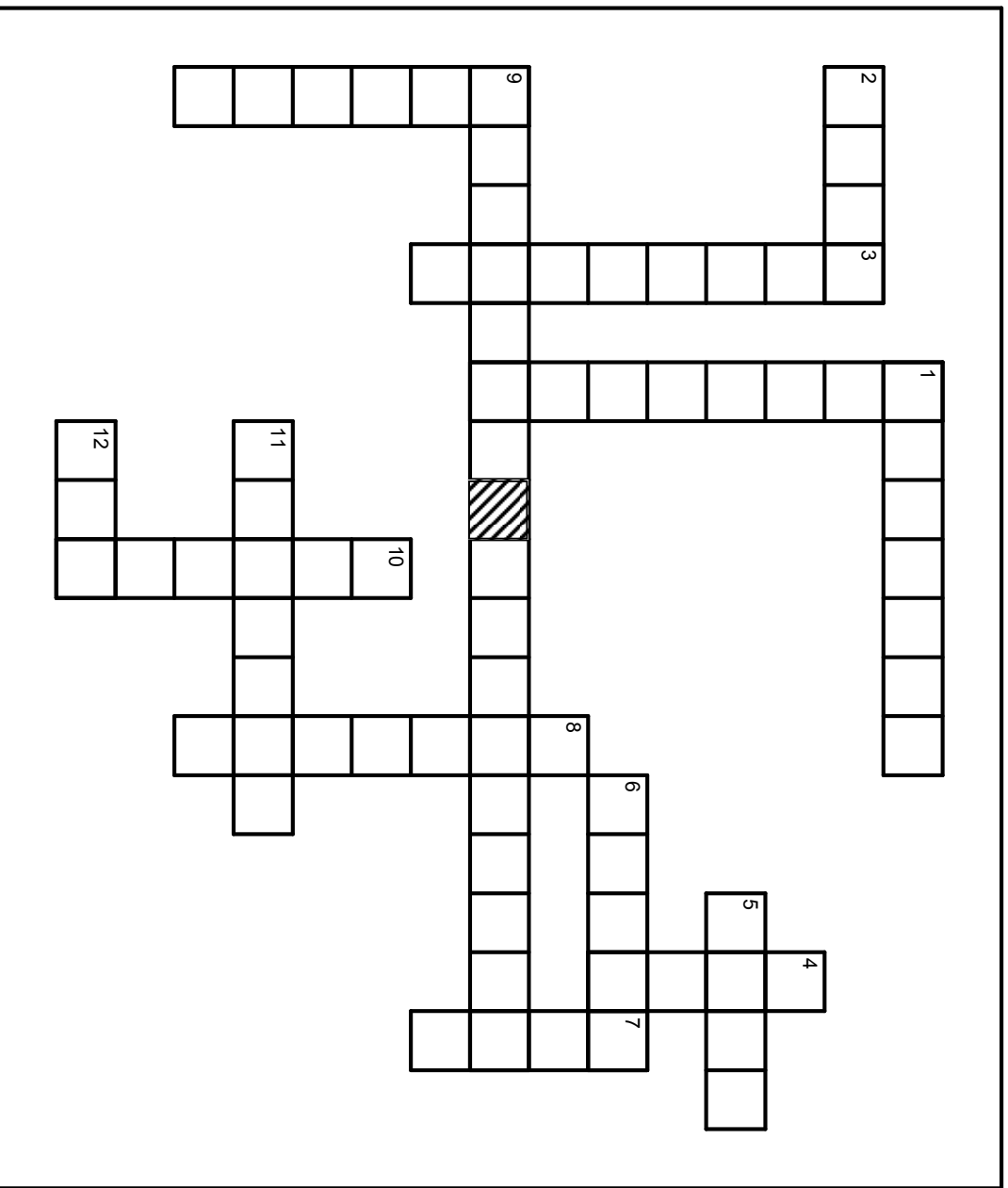
Humble _____, therefore,
under _____ mighty _____,
that _____ may _____ you _____ in _____ time.
Cast all _____ on _____
_____ He _____ for _____.
1 Peter 5:6&7 (NIV)

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Pass On God's Love

All clues are from the NIV version of the Bible.



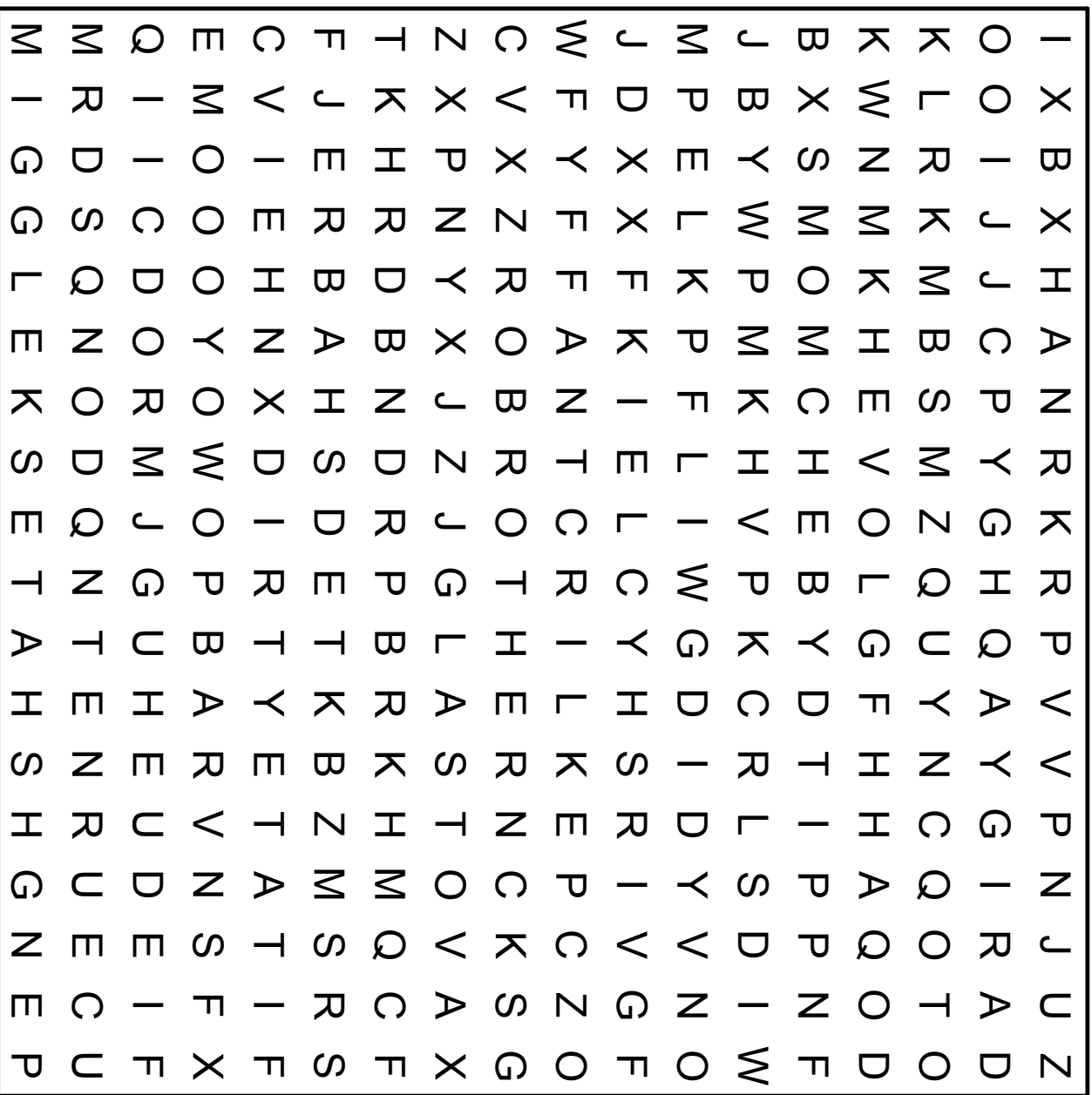
Across

1. order (1 John 4:21)
2. show respect and care for others (1 John 4:19)
5. a person who doesn't tell the truth (1 John 4:20)
6. doesn't like (1 John 4:20)
9. complete payment (1 John 4:10)
11. a person we should love (1 John 4:21)
12. where love comes from (1 John 4:7)

Down

1. they have parents (1 John 4:4)
3. all people (1 John 4:7)
4. not die (1 John 4:9)
7. touched and experienced (1 John 4:20)
8. better than, stronger than, etc. (1 John 4:4)
9. whoever (1 John 4:20)
10. demonstrated (1 John 4:9)

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everyone

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Pass On God's Love

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