

In This Way : Devotion 1

What the Bible Says:

Read: John 3:16

Let's talk about it:

There are a lot of ways to show love! There are many different people in the world and we do things in many different ways. From the way we prepare food to the way we draw a picture, we have a way we go about things. We share a bit of our personality in the way that we respond to the world. How you interact with others, the way you tell a story, and of course the way you show love to your friends and family all tell a story about you.

God showed love "in this way". The only way he knew was to give everything. Jesus did a lot of kind and compassionate things while He walked the earth, but His big act of love was more than a pat on the back, He completely took our punishment. He stood in front of us and took the worst so that we could have the best. He willingly went to the cross and died for us, so that we had the chance to choose life. In this way God showed us His love has no limits!

Share what you think: Think about the way you show love to others? Using words or pictures in the space below, share how you best show love to others around you. What are other ways you can share God's love with others now?

Use the space below to describe how you show love to others or how you have received love from others.



In This Way : Devotion 2

What the Bible says:

Read: Hebrews 7:24-25

Let's Talk About it:

This passage tells us that Jesus is "alive forever". Before Jesus's sacrifice on the cross, a priest had to offer a sacrifice for the sins of people. But those priests were human and would eventually die and people are human and would continue to sin. So more and more sacrifices had to be made to reconcile humans to God. But when Jesus came, his death and resurrection paid it all...forever. He now lives and will never leave us. Now when we need to go to God for forgiveness we go through Jesus. This passage tells us that the way God saves is perfect and complete. So once we are saved through Jesus, it's forever. Jesus' sacrifice is POWERFUL! This passage also tells us that Jesus prays for us. When we trust in Jesus, He goes to God on our behalf. How AMAZING that Jesus loves us so much that He speaks to God for us!

Jesus is alive

Jesus prays for me

Jesus cares about me

Share What You Think:

Imagine standing before the throne of God and Jesus is standing in-between you and God. What would you be doing? How do you think Jesus speaks to God? How does it make you feel to know Jesus is speaking for you?

In the space below using pictures or words, show what you would want Jesus to say when he speaks to God about you....



In This Way : Devotion 3

What the Bible says:

Daniel 3:28-29

Let's talk about It:

The story of Shadrack, Meshach and Abednego in the fiery furnace is one of my favorites. If you don't know it well read all of Daniel 3 to get the details. But basically God's people were scattered and taken to a foreign land. Then they were ordered to bow down to a golden idol. This went directly against God's law. Many were scared and did it anyway because they were afraid not to. But these 3, (let's call them Shad, Mesh and Abed), refused! They said, no way, we can't do that. We only bow down to the one true God. Well, the king was so mad he threw them in an extra hot fiery furnace. They should have been killed instantly, BUT when the king looked in there were not 3 people but 4! And they were not burning up! He told them to come out and they didn't even smell of smoke! They were totally untouched by the fire. Because of this miracle and how God showed up in the furnace with them, the king made an order that no one was even allowed to speak against the God of Shad, Mesh, and Abed...the king said, "because no other God can save people THIS WAY". The faith of 3 young men and the faithfulness of our God changed the mind and heart of a terrible king.

Share what you think:

Do you think it was hard to stand up for God in a huge crowd? Why do you think the King changed his mind about the boys? How do we obey God when it's hard today?

In the space provided using words or pictures, share how you have seen someone be brave and obey God when it's hard...share how God has shown up for you or someone you know?



In This Way : Devotion 4

What the Bible says:

John 13:4-5

Let's talk about it:

When we think about kings and royalty, we think about them having huge castles and lots of servants and not having to lift a finger. Jesus, God's son, king of the universe, is a very different king. We already read about how he gave his life for us, how he saves us, and how he loves and prays for us, now we read that he also serves us. This passage tells us how he got down on the floor and washed the dirty, stinky feet of his disciples. He could have ordered that they wash His feet, but he didn't, he could have insisted that they serve Him in this way, but He didn't. Our God is different in this way. Jesus is the Servant King and through His actions show us how to act towards others. No other god or king would consider washing someone's feet, no other king would lower themselves like this. He even served the ones that he knew would betray him. No other god or king loves and saves us the way Jesus does.

Share what you think:

How does it make you feel that the one true God, creator of the universe, serves us in this way even though we don't deserve it? Does it motivate you to serve others the same way? Would you be willing to do something you think is dirty or gross if you thought it's what Jesus would do? What if you didn't like the person...does that make it hard?

In the space below use words or pictures to show ways you can serve others.

