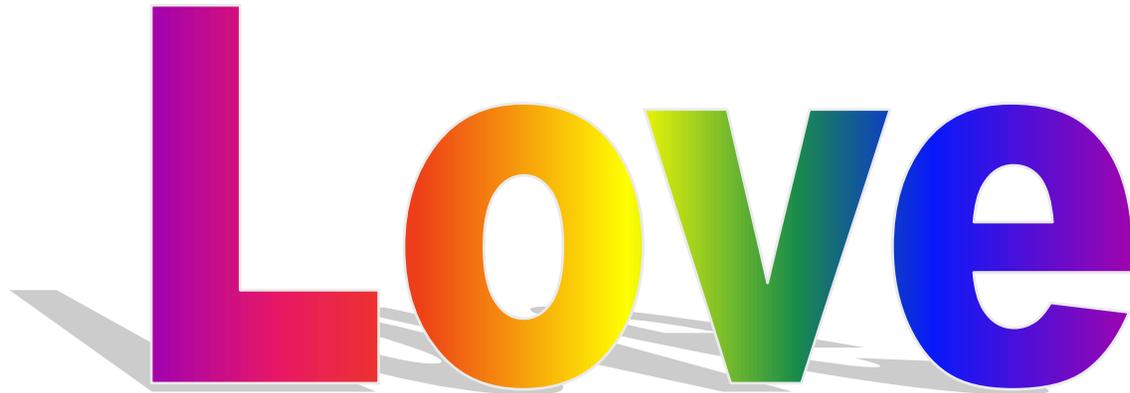


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Jesus is our example of what it means to love others. As we read these verses we see a perfect description of how Jesus loves us. For example, Jesus is patient with us. He knows how weak we are and that we often disobey. But Jesus never gives up on us. He is patient. Jesus is kind to us. He gives us good things - parents who love us, food to eat, and a place to live. Most of all, Jesus gives us the gift of eternal life! As you memorize this passage, think about all the ways it describes the love of Jesus.

Jesus calls us to follow his example and love others with this same kind of love. We could never do this on our own. We need Jesus' help if we are to love like he loves. Think about one or two places where you can grow in loving others with this Christ-like love. Pray and ask Jesus to help you. Here are some ideas to get started:

1. Do you ever interrupt your mom or dad when they are talking? What would loving patience look like in that situation? Where are some other places where you can grow in love by showing patience?
2. Do you ever insist on having things your own way? What would it look like to love others more than yourself? Where can you grow in love by putting others first?
3. Do you ever rejoice at wrongdoing? Do you sometimes delight in provoking your brother or sister? How can you grow in love by showing kindness instead?