

*Nurturing Faith...  
Every Day in Every Way*



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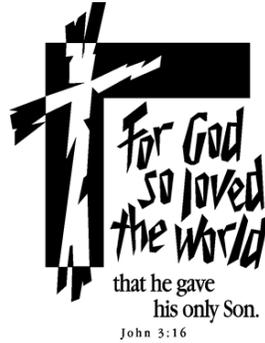
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (19)

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21



**Measuring God's Love.** *Object: A measuring cup, a tape measure, a watch*

One of my favorite Bible verses is John 3:16. I was thinking about that verse and wondering just how great is God's love and how could we measure it? This morning I brought several items that we often use in measuring other things to see how they might help us measure God's love.

For example, sometimes we use a measuring cup to measure ingredients like flour, sugar, and milk if we were following a recipe. I wonder if we might use a measuring cup to measure God's love? The Bible tells us that our cup runs over with God's love. Well, if our cup runs over with God's love, I don't guess we could use a measuring cup to measure it.

If we were building something, we might use a tape measure to measure the length, width, and height of different things. I wonder if we might use a tape measure to measure God's love? The Bible tells us that God's love is higher than the heavens. If God's love is higher than the heavens, I don't think we could use a tape measure to measure it, could we?

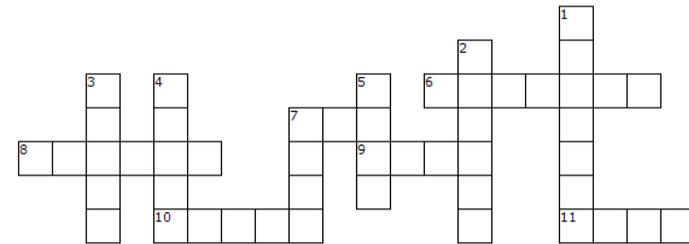
We use a watch to measure time. I wonder if we could use a watch to measure how long God's love will last. The Bible tells us that God's love is from everlasting to everlasting. If God's love is from everlasting to everlasting, I don't guess we could measure it with a watch.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." How do you measure a love like that?

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your love -- a love so great that you gave your one and only Son so that we could have eternal life. Amen.

**Gospel Acclamation:** God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.  
(John 3:16)

## Crossword Puzzle



**ACROSS**

- 6. To accept something as true, genuine, or real
- 7. A male child
- 8. To die or be destroyed
- 9. To care very deeply for someone
- 10. A serpent or reptile)
- 11. The period of time from birth to death

**DOWN**

- 1. Lasting forever, without end
- 2. Hot, dry area of land with few trees or plants
- 3. The earth with its inhabitants and all things upon it
- 4. Received the ten commandments from God
- 5. Alone in its kind, nothing like it
- 7. To rescue from danger or harm

SNAKE	ETERNAL	SAVE	LOVE
LIFE	SON	PERISH	DESERT
ONLY	BELIEVE	MOSES	WORLD

**CLOCK MAKING:** Give the child a round piece of card stock and coloring supplies to draw their clock. Have the child write out "GOD'S LOVE LASTS FOREVER!" around the outside edge of the clock, or in the middle of the clock. Provide a set of cut out "clock hands". Use a brad to hold the cut out "clock hands" in place.



HOW CAN YOU  
MEASURE GOD'S LOVE?

*For God so*

*loved the world...*

*John 3:16*

