

# Tonight's

Tonight's passage is about love and how we show that love in the way we live our lives. There's a heart like this one on every page of the worksheet: see if you can find them all!



## passage – Romans 12.<sup>9-21</sup>

## theme – learn to love!

# Love must be sincere



Colour in all the words in bright colours!

### Love means...

That's the big question, isn't it?  
What *does* love actually mean?



# make sure it's the real deal!

In tonight's passage Paul explains to the believers at Rome what it'll mean for us to love the people around us – what it means for love to be the real deal!



**Read**  
**Romans 12**  
verses 9-13

<sup>9</sup> Love must be sincere.

Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

<sup>10</sup> Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves.

<sup>11</sup> Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord.

<sup>12</sup> Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

<sup>13</sup> Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practise hospitality.

# love means ..

## love matters a lot to God!

Everything God does is marked by love – so love shows itself in all sorts of different ways!

**How have you shown love to someone today?**



**How has someone shown love to you today?**

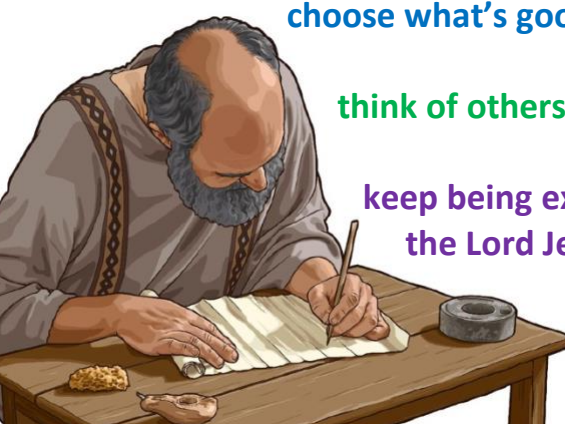


choose what's good ..

think of others first ..

keep being excited about  
the Lord Jesus ..

be generous..



What does it mean to love? As you can see, Paul had quite a long list of what it means!

# what about people

## you don't like?

**.. like people who make life difficult for you**

**Read  
Romans 12  
verses 14-16**

**14** Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

**15** Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.

**16** Live in harmony with one another.

Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Some people – well, it's not easy loving them!

But loving them is not about how we feel;

it's a choice we make to act kindly towards them – regardless of how they act towards us.

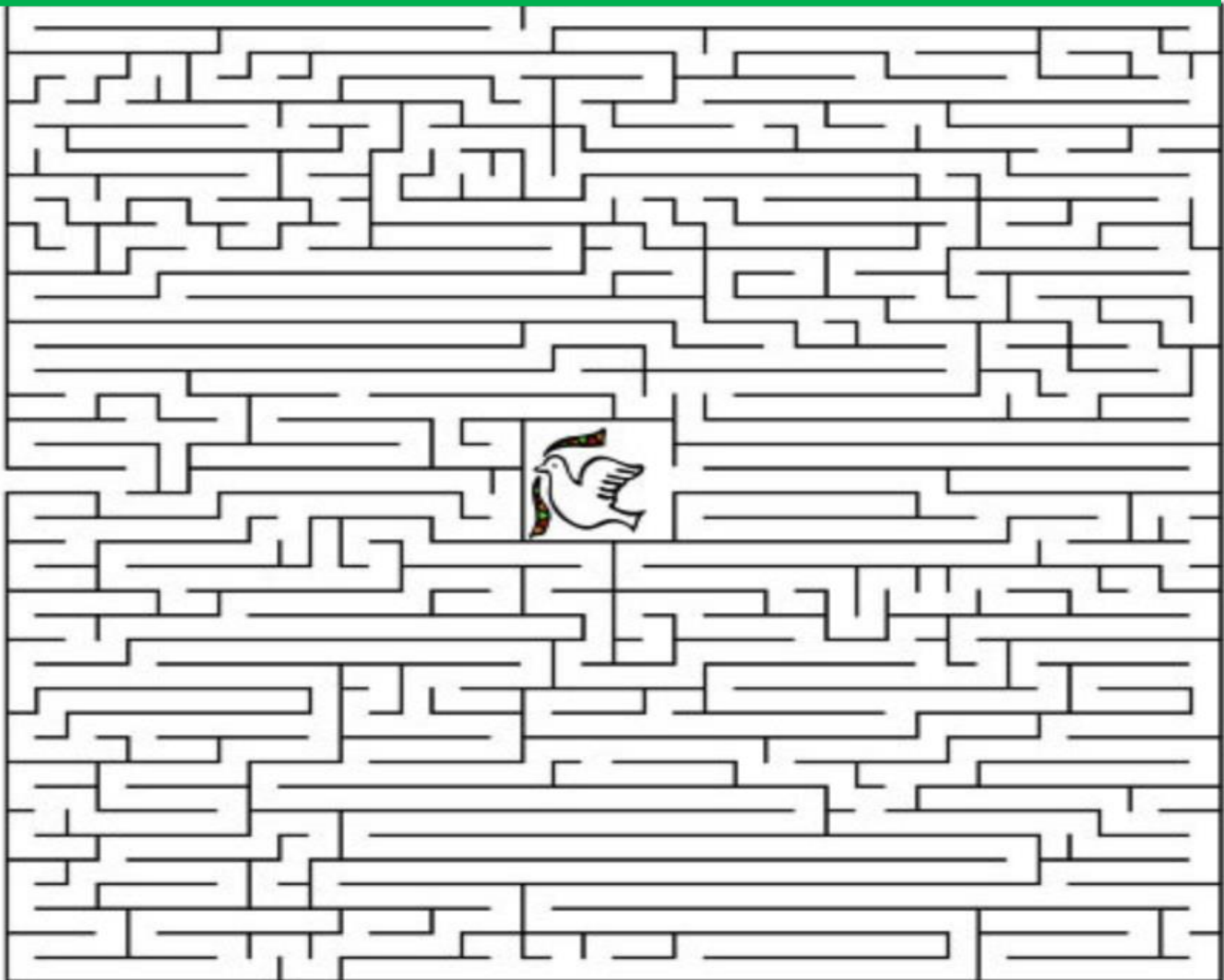


It's not easy loving those who make life hard for you!

You need God to help you by His Spirit.

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This maze isn't that easy – see if you can find your way to the dove (a symbol of God's Holy Spirit in the Bible)



Read  
**Romans 12**  
verses 17-21

<sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil.

Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone.

<sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

<sup>19</sup> Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord.

<sup>20</sup> On the contrary –

'If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.'

<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

# live at peace with everyone (if you can!)

It's tempting to give people a taste of their own medicine when they've been nasty to you!

But that doesn't usually solve any problems – it just makes them worse more often than not!

Plus – it's not the way love works!



**And it's not the way that God works!**

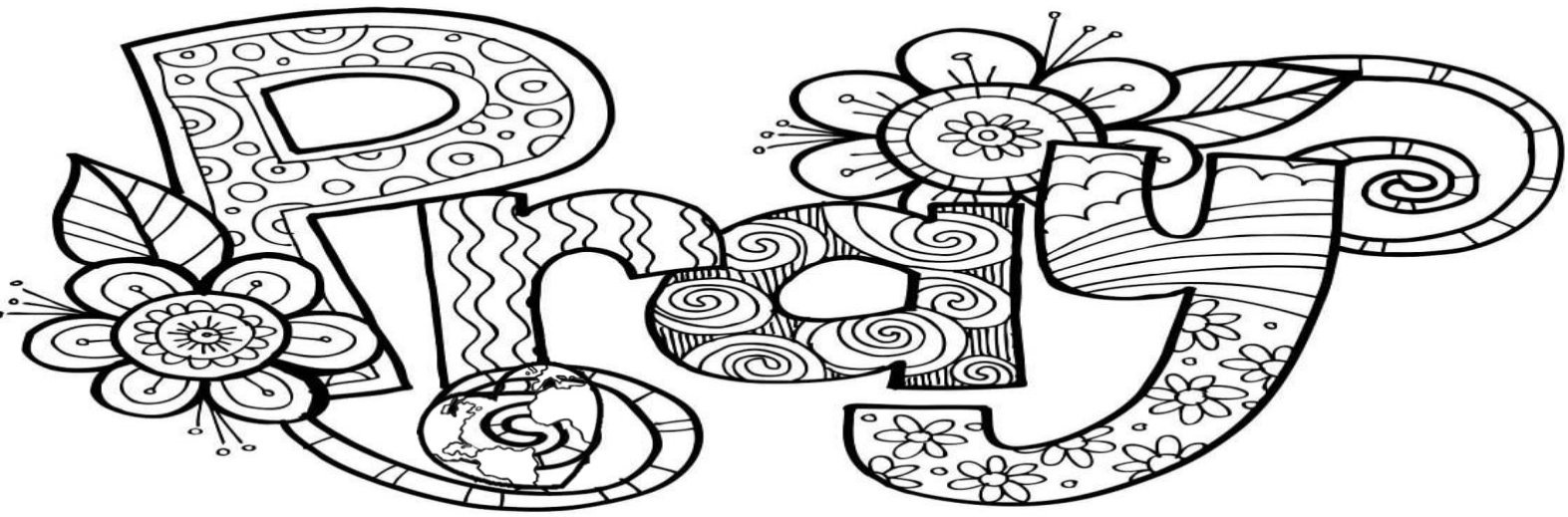
While we were still enemies, He came into this world and died for us.

He didn't 'get His own back' in the sense of some sort of 'payback': He came to pay the price of our forgiveness so that He could get His own creatures back from living life without Him.

## leave it to the Lord to sort things out.

God is spoken of as **'the righteous judge'** He makes a much better job of sorting things out when people have been nasty to you.

**Ask Him and trust Him to sort it all out! He will!**



*Think about what you've been learning in this worksheet.*

*Speak to God about what you've learned: if you want, use this prayer to help you*

**Thank You, Lord Jesus, that You love me the way You do.**

**I certainly don't deserve it at all!**

**Lots and lots of time I say things and do things which upset You and hurt You, because they're not the way You mean Your world to run.**

**I'm really sorry!**

**But I want to learn to live Your way and to live out Your love in the way I am with others.**

**Help me to find ways in which I can show my family how much I love them.**

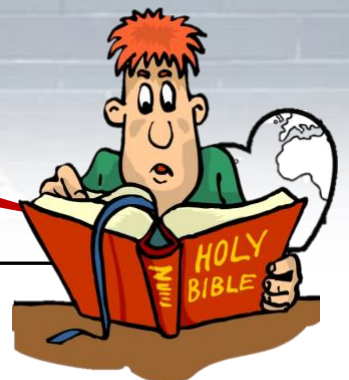
**And help me, too, at school, to learn how to love my teachers, my friends, and the people who are nasty to me too!**



# Today's verse for you to try and remember!



**"Love must be sincere!"  
Romans 12.<sup>6</sup>**



# Wordsearch

Here's a Wordsearch all about loving one another. See if you can find all the words!

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HOPE	CHARITY	GRATEFUL	SWEET
HEART	GRACE	PATIENCE	JESUS
LOVING	GOODNESS	KINDNESS	



# COLOUR in the picture

Try colouring in the picture below as neatly as you can!

A NEW COMMAND  
I GIVE YOU:  
**Love**  
**One**  
**Another**

AS I HAVE LOVED YOU,  
SO YOU MUST LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

— JOHN 13:34 —