

# Love and Truth

## Scope and Sequence

Lesson

Teacher's Lecture Objectives

Student Manual Themes

Introduction			
1	Ships of the Bible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outline the scope of this study.</li> <li>Review examples of biblical ships that God used to help His children.</li> <li>Portray human relationships as vessels that encourage or discourage our relationship with God.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Matthew 14: Prioritizing our relationship with God</li> </ul>
Unit 1: Lordship			
2	God Our Creator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Showcase the majesty of God, as revealed in His power, holiness, and love.</li> <li>Picture God as our Creator, the model of parental love.</li> <li>Introduce the concept of God's image.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Genesis 1: God's image in us</li> <li>Understanding our heritage, identity, and destiny from a spiritual perspective</li> </ul>
3	God Our Savior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore Christ's role as the Messiah.</li> <li>Identify key characteristics of Christ's ministry.</li> <li>Present the gospel as the perfect expression of God's power, holiness, and goodness.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Matthew 27: The sacrifice of Christ</li> <li>Meditating on our personal journey thus far</li> </ul>
4	God Our Sustainer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Present God as our sustainer, helper, and friend.</li> <li>Introduce the Holy Spirit as a member of the Godhead.</li> <li>Note the continuing work of God on our behalf.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>John 15: The work of the Spirit</li> </ul>
5	Reflecting God's Love	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrate the need for love in relationships and ministry.</li> <li>Define what love is and what it is not.</li> <li>Review Christ's example of love.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Matthew 22: The greatest commandments</li> <li>1 Corinthians 13: The role of love in ministry</li> </ul>
6	Reflecting God's Truth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appreciate the truth revealed by Christ's ministry.</li> <li>Emphasize our responsibility to study, live, and share God's truth.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Psalms 42: Seeking God's truth, despite our ignorance</li> </ul>

<b>Unit 2: Kinship</b>			
7	Family and the Home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe the environment of a godly home.</li> <li>Appreciate God's work even in difficult environments.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jesus' response to challenges posed by His family background</li> </ul>
8	The Duty of Parents: Part 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe the nature of godly parental love.</li> <li>Describe the form godly parental love should take.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding parental love as a reflection of godly love</li> <li>Godly love reflected by Christ, Job, Jochebed, and a Canaanite woman</li> </ul>
9	The Duty of Parents: Part 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outline the kind of truth that parents should teach their children.</li> <li>Describe the tools of godly instruction.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding parental discipline as a reflection of God's own instruction</li> <li>The teachings of David and Bathsheba to their son Solomon</li> </ul>
10	The Role of Children: Part 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explain and justify the command to obey and honor.</li> <li>Describe how to apply these commands with wisdom and grace.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The need for godly obedience</li> <li>The submission practiced by Christ on Earth</li> </ul>
11	The Role of Children: Part 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understand and appreciate parents as imperfect yet often helpful people.</li> <li>Note the new responsibilities of children toward their parents as they grow older.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The nature and result of rebellion, as exemplified by Absalom</li> <li>Grace seen in the struggle of Joseph</li> </ul>
<b>Unit 3: Friendship</b>			
12	Why Friendship?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appreciate the need for friendship.</li> <li>Outline the kinds and levels of friendship.</li> <li>State the purpose of friendship as godly edification.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friends in crisis: Daniel and the exiles</li> <li>Friends with a mission: Deborah and Barak</li> <li>Friends that part: Barnabas and Paul</li> </ul>
13	Choosing Friends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe ways God can bring friendships into our lives.</li> <li>Note the kinds of friends we should avoid.</li> <li>Define a good friend as one who builds up our relationship with God.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Psalm 1: The relationships of the righteous and the wicked</li> <li>Seeking true friends while recognizing false friends</li> </ul>
14	Building Friendships: Part 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe the characteristics of godly friendliness.</li> <li>Note the value of solitude, as distinct from loneliness.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outlining Paul's approach to friendships</li> <li>Love and loyalty in the friendship of Jonathan and David</li> </ul>

### Unit 3: Friendship (cont.)

15	Building Friendships: Part 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe practical ways to listen better.</li> <li>Describe practical ways to encourage friends.</li> <li>Note that God allows friendships to evolve over time.</li> </ul>	<p>Principles of godly speech within close friendships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speak truth</li> <li>Speak with caution</li> <li>Speak from a loving heart</li> </ul>
16	Destroying Friendships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe what ministry and friendship can look like without love.</li> <li>Distinguish between function and purpose in relationships.</li> </ul>	<p>Ways to avoid conflict with friends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Get secure</li> <li>Put away sin</li> <li>Don't assume motive</li> <li>Nurture gratitude</li> </ul>
17	Healing Friendships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Present Christ's sacrifice as motivation for us to heal friendships.</li> <li>Explain the four steps to reconciliation, as outlined in Matthew 18.</li> <li>Note additional principles of correction and reconciliation from Scripture.</li> </ul>	<p>Making peace with others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Let God be judge</li> <li>Redirect your anger</li> <li>Don't let small problems grow</li> <li>Correct to build up, not tear down</li> <li>Correct with humility</li> <li>Correct serious public sins publicly</li> <li>Keep safe</li> </ul>

### Unit 4: Fellowship

18	Christ and His Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review how Christ built His church.</li> <li>Distinguish between the universal body of Christ and local assemblies.</li> <li>Note the purpose and function of Christ's church.</li> </ul>	<p>Pictures of Christ's relationship with the church:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The shepherd and the sheep</li> <li>The father and the prodigal son</li> <li>The groom and the wedding party</li> </ul>
19	The Work of the Assembly	<p>Overview ways that God uses the local church to glorify Himself and make disciples, including . . .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bible study</li> <li>Prayer</li> <li>Ordinances</li> <li>Outreach</li> <li>Fellowship</li> <li>Mutual support</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activities of the early church, as shown in Acts</li> <li>Grace shown by individual believers in the New Testament</li> </ul>

<b>Unit 4: Fellowship (cont.)</b>			
20	Threats to the Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify common external and internal threats to assemblies.</li> <li>Outline loving and true responses to these threats.</li> </ul>	<p>Understanding conflicts within the church using examples from the New Testament:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disagreements over food offered to idols</li> <li>Debates over circumcision</li> <li>The work of false teachers</li> </ul>
<b>Unit 5: Citizenship</b>			
21	Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish the importance of knowledge and wisdom to sound doctrine.</li> <li>Explore the myriad talents and disciplines that God can use—even beyond academia.</li> <li>Note areas of ministry that require careful scholarship.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seeking God's wisdom first</li> <li>Reflecting God in our pursuit of learning and excellence</li> </ul>
22	Work and Charity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss the meaning of work to a Christian.</li> <li>Explore biblical principles of work and charity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Setting godly priorities</li> <li>Trusting God's provision</li> <li>Reflecting God in the way we manage our time, energy, and other resources</li> </ul>
23	Civil Duty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compare the theocracy of Israel with the principles that guide us in the age of grace.</li> <li>Emphasize that God grew the early church despite civil opposition.</li> <li>Briefly review examples of civil doctrine from the New Testament.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Testament teaching regarding our response to earthly authorities</li> <li>Paul's use of his civil rights to promote the gospel</li> </ul>
<b>Unit 6: Marriage and Courtship</b>			
24	Gender and the Gospel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appreciate the relationship God built between Adam and Eve in the garden.</li> <li>Define and distinguish the terms <i>sex</i> and <i>gender</i>.</li> <li>Understand how sin corrupted the relationship between men and women.</li> <li>Note the impact of the gospel on the relationship between men and women.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Corinthians 10–11: Reflecting Christ while navigating cultural expectations for our given sex</li> <li>Noting the interdependence of Christian men and women</li> </ul>

### Unit 6: Marriage and Courtship (cont.)

25	Building a Godly Marriage: Part 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review Christ's teaching on the original intent for marriage.</li> <li>Construct a definition of a godly marriage that encompasses its purpose, form, and function.</li> </ul>	<p>Examples of failure and grace in Old Testament marriages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Polygamy and the patriarchs</li> <li>Marriage under the Law</li> <li>Power, manipulation, and the rulers of Israel</li> <li>God's work through Rahab, Esther, and Hosea</li> </ul>
26	Building a Godly Marriage: Part 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Caution against unrealistic expectations for marriage.</li> <li>Establish the priorities of marriage as love, understanding, and a unified submission to God.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ephesians 5: Sacrificial love by Christian wives and husbands</li> </ul>
27	Intimacy: Part 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss different kinds of intimacy, with examples from Scripture.</li> <li>Note ways to build up or tear down intimacy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Peter 3: Respect and intimacy in marriage</li> <li>Solomon and the Shulammitte, Part 1: Themes of intimacy in the Song of Songs</li> </ul>
28	Intimacy: Part 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Define and distinguish <i>sexual activity</i> and <i>sexuality</i>.</li> <li>Emphasize the purpose of sex as the expression of loving intimacy.</li> <li>Describe and justify the appropriate context for sexual activity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Corinthians 7: Mutual submission</li> <li>Defining and rejecting corrupt views of sexual activity</li> <li>Solomon and the Shulammitte, Part 2: Themes of commitment and rejection</li> </ul>
29	Seeking a Spouse: Part 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review ways that single people can prepare for marriage.</li> <li>Discuss the place of courtship within a person's broader spiritual growth.</li> <li>Introduce approaches to courtship.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Corinthians 7: Self-control and contentment</li> <li>Evaluating approaches to courtship</li> </ul>
30	Seeking a Spouse: Part 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review principles of building intimacy with a future spouse.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grace in the relationship of Ruth and Boaz</li> <li>Setting personal boundaries and expectations</li> </ul>