

Belief, Obedience, Love: A Study of 1 John

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Verse to Memorize:

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

1 John 4:7

Key Takeaway:

As we move into 1 John we hear 3 things over and over. God calls us to belief in him through Jesus, He is the only salvation from our sin. God calls us to obedience. God calls us to love one another.

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During this series we will be talking in our kids classrooms about how John, a follower of Jesus, had a simple message: Believe, Obey, Love. It is important when talking to children that they don't walk away with a list of to-dos, and it would be easy to do that when we read what we are supposed to do as we obey. However, John is very clear from the first verse of 1 John to the very end, God is real and God is love. Once again we are hearing proof that God is greater than we can imagine. Out of this character of God, we are called to follow his commands and to love others. As you talk with your children at home, keep coming back to this truth about God. He sent Jesus out of love for us. As we sit in verses that call us to obedience, don't shy away from obedience, but return to the root of our obedience and our love for others. This action comes from a deep love for God and what he did for us. Until our children know the love of their Good father, they can't be expected to act in obedience and love for others.

Resources for Talking to Your Family:

- Follow us on Instagram @vintagefamiliesnc for our scripture of the week, weekly talking points, and our memory verse song.
- Watch an overview of 1 John by looking up "The Bible Project: 1 John" on youtube or Google.
- "Love Does for Kids" by Bob Goff and Lindsey Goff Viducich
- "1 John: A Bible+Doodle Study" for Students by Kristen He

