



The Name that Means Love



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Valentine's Day is a fun day to celebrate. The word *valentine* doesn't mean "heart" or "love." *Valentine* is just a man's name. But long, long, long ago, God's people started celebrating love on February 14th and calling it "Valentine's Day." We think they did this to help them remember a man named Valentine who did many kind things for God's people. Those people wanted to remember his kindnesses. Ever since then, when we hear the name *Valentine*, we think of love.

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Do you know the name of another person whose name makes us think of love? Yes, Jesus' name makes us think of love. Listen to what Jesus said one time.

"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13

The cross tells us even more about real love than any Valentine card can. God loved us so much that He sent His only Son to live and die for us and then be raised from the dead. Because of what Jesus did for us, we have new life, life here on earth and life forever and ever and ever one day in heaven.

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You may not know what the name *Valentine* means. But we do know exactly what the name *Jesus* means. God sent an angel to tell us! Listen to what that angel said.

"Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:20-21

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The name *Jesus* means, "the Lord saves." Jesus saves us from our sins. He washes them all away, and makes us God's very own, dearly loved children! Why would God do such a wonderful thing for us? We can find the answer in 1 John 4:8.

"Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love." 1 John 4:8

God's perfect love helps us love one another. It's fun to trade Valentine cards and candy with our friends. But it's even more fun to do loving, kind things for others all year round.

What kind, loving things do you like to do?

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PRAY

Dear Jesus, You are the best Valentine of all. Thank You for giving Your life to save me.
Help me share Your love with everyone.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Child's Name _____ Grade/Color _____

My child has completed his/her DQT for the week of Feb. 8, 2017.

Parent Signature

