



## Welcome to the Christmas Toolkit

This devotional series serves as a tool to guide your heart towards Jesus Christ in this season. Each devotional will prompt you to read the account of Jesus' birth, reflect on the meaning of this truth, and respond to His hope, joy, peace, and love. You can do this individually, with your family, a co-worker or your community group. We pray that it is a blessing for you this Christmas!

### Week 4: Love

#### READ

John 1:14-18 – Love

#### REFLECT

What does it mean for God to truly love us? In a world that often portrays love as fragile or conditional, John's gospel gives us a glimpse into a love that is infinite and unchanging God's very heart revealed in Jesus. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14) shows us that God's love is not distant or abstract. It is personal and sacrificial. Jesus, the eternal Word, chose to step into humanity's brokenness, not out of obligation but out of a boundless love that seeks to redeem and restore.

In this passage, John speaks of Jesus as "full of grace and truth," reminding us that this love is both compassionate and honest. God's love meets us where we are, in our need and our failings, but never leaves us there. Jesus shows us a love that accepts us fully yet also calls us to transformation. This is the ultimate expression of grace, God's unmerited favor and truth, God's holy standard. In the incarnation, God chose to walk among us, to know us and to bring us back into relationship with Himself, no matter the cost.

Christmas is more than a season of sentiment; it is a time to reflect on a love that comes to us in humility and sacrifice. Jesus' coming is a reminder that we are deeply valued by God, not because of what we have done, but because He first loved us. In this truth, we are invited to abide in God's love and share it with those around us. Through Christ, we are shown that real love is, a love that forgives, heals and endures.

1. When have you experienced God's love in a transformative way? How did it impact your understanding of who you are?
2. Are there areas in your life where you struggle to feel loved by God or other? How does seeing Jesus as "full of grace and truth" speak into those areas?
3. Why do you think God chose to express His love by becoming flesh, living among us, and experiencing human suffering? How does this shape the way you view God's love for you and His call for you to love others?

#### RESPOND

##### Day 1: Acknowledge God's Love

- Spend a moment today reflecting on an aspect of God's love that has changed your life.

Thank Him for it and ask Him to deepen your experience of His love.



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### RESPOND

#### Day 2: Share God's Love

- Think of one person in your life who might need to feel God's love this week. Reach out to them, perhaps through a word of encouragement, a phone call or a small act of service.

#### Day 3: Seek God's Heart in Prayer

- Take some quiet time to ask God to reveal more of His love to you. Ask Him to show you where He is working in your life, and to help you love others in the way Jesus loves you.

#### Day 4: Recognize Love in the Unexpected

- Look back at a time in your life when you felt distant or overlooked. Can you see now how God may have been reaching out to you through an unexpected person, event, or insight? Ask God to help you remain open to His love in unexpected ways.

#### Day 5: Rest in His Presence

- Spend a few moments simply resting in God's presence, with no requests or agenda. Reflect on how His love for you is unwavering and independent of anything you do. Thank Him that, in Christ, you are fully seen and fully loved, and let this assurance bring peace to your heart.