



Reflections journal

— Chapter Three —

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Heart



treasure

**Lord, Thank You
that I Am *Beloved*.**



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♥ Chapter Three ♥

Week one day 1

AT THE BEGINNING OF CHAPTER 3, Ansley was angry that her sisters had started treasure hunting without her. Feeling left out is hard. We've all felt that before. In those moments, remember that God never leaves you out. He says you are His beloved and you are to "be loved".

"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience."

COLOSSIANS 3:12

Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I Am Beloved.

When I feel left out, help me to remember that I am loved by You.

In Jesus' name, amen.



HAVE YOU EVER FELT LEFT OUT? WHAT HAPPENED? Is there a time you included someone who was left out? Write about it. This week, love someone well by including them, just as the Lord includes you.

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Week one *day* 2

IN LUKE 15, SOME PEOPLE WERE MAD THAT JESUS WAS HANGING OUT WITH “SINNERS.” So, Jesus shared a story with them about having 100 sheep and how one went missing. Jesus said:

“Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? When he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home.”

1 JOHN 15:4-5

Jesus is saying that nothing will stop Him from going after the one who is lost and that there is great rejoicing over one sinner who repents, or feels remorse and very sorry about her sin. If you feel lost or alone, He will find you. Just like He carried the sheep, He will joyfully carry you as well.

Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I Am Beloved.
And that when I feel lost, nothing gets
in the way of You finding me. Thank You
for picking me up again and again.
In Jesus’ name, amen.

IMAGINE A TIME WHEN YOU FELT FAR FROM GOD, OR LOST AND ALONE. Now, imagine looking to Jesus and Him joyfully lifting you up, His beloved, onto His shoulders. How does it make you feel to know that when you mess up, He finds you, offers forgiveness and joyfully carries you?

DRAW A PICTURE OF JESUS CARRYING YOU ON HIS SHOULDERS.



Week one *day 3*

EVEN THOUGH ANSLEY WAS UPSET FOR BEING LEFT OUT, deep inside, she knew she was loved. You are also always loved by God. He doesn't say that when you do everything right and make no mistakes you are loved. Nope, you are loved because you are His beloved.

"Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

ROMANS 8:39

Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I Am Beloved.
And that nothing can get in the way
of Your love for me.
In Jesus' Name, amen.

FIND THE WORDS BELOW IN THE WORD SEARCH. Say each word over and over as you look for it to remind yourself of your identity in Christ.

**BELOVED
INCLUDED**

**COMPLETE
SPECIAL**

**CHOSEN
BEAUTIFUL**

**FORGIVEN
STRONG**

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Week one *day* 4

ANSLEY STAMPED HER FOOT AND SAID TO HER SISTERS, “I can’t believe you guys started the treasure hunt without me!” It can be hard when people let us down. But in these times, you can lean on God, and remember that His love for you is unwavering, unconditional and forever.

*“I have loved you with an everlasting love;
I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.”*

JEREMIAH 31:3

Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I Am Beloved.

Help me to rest and find joy in the everlasting love You have for me, especially when people let me down.

In Jesus' name, amen.

WHEN WE ARE LET DOWN BY OTHERS LIKE ANSLEY WAS,
it can make us feel mad or sad. How can knowing the truth that God
loves you in Jeremiah 31:3 help you in this situation?



THIS VERSE DOESN'T JUST SAY GOD LOVES YOU.

It says He loves you with an _____ love.

WRITE THE DEFINITION OF "EVERLASTING" HERE:

THAT'S THE KIND OF LOVE HE HAS FOR YOU—EVERLASTING LOVE!

Paint this verse on a canvas or write it on your mirror with
a dry-erase marker so you can be reminded of this beautiful truth.

Week one day 5

SOMETIMES WE CAN BE AFRAID OF BEING LEFT OUT OR AFRAID TO BE OURSELVES. But 1 John 4:17 tells us that:

“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear.”

Let God’s love fill up your heart and mind so it drives out that fear.

Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I Am Beloved.

Please drive out any fears I have with

Your great love.

In Jesus’ name, amen.

NEXT TIME YOU ARE FEARFUL OF SOMETHING, what is a practical way you can rely on God's perfect love for you?

DECODE THE PUZZLE BELOW to discover a way to help you rely on the perfect love God has for you:



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=T =N =R =E =H =I =V =Y

Week two day 1

THE GIRLS ENJOYED LOOKING THROUGH AUNT SAM'S OLD HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK. Kitty found an old scrapbook to look through also. God has allowed us to create sweet memories with those we love. That is something to be treasured.

"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I Am Beloved.

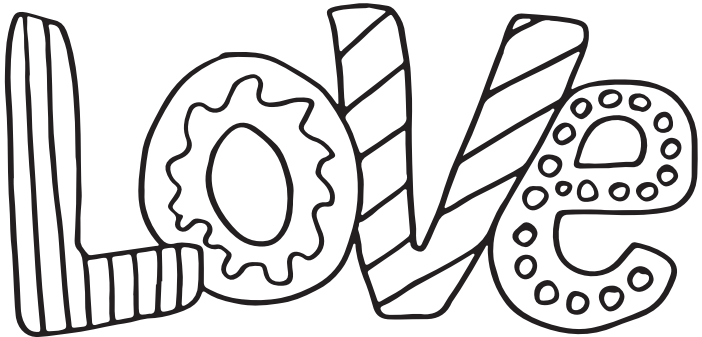
Help me to know and be confident
that I am deeply loved.

In Jesus' name, amen.

IN THE HEART BELOW, WRITE FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE IN
A PRETTY SCRIPT, and then color in the word LOVE below
to help you remember what the greatest of these is.



But the greatest of these is



Week two day 2

AUNT SAM TOLD THE GIRLS THAT, “ ... to you [the memories in my box] might be treasured objects. But to someone else those objects will mean nothing special. In fact, to a stranger, all the things in my box of memories might be considered, well, trash.” Regardless of how people view the treasures in our lives or what people think of us we know we are loved by God and that no one can ever take us from God’s hand.

“I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all.”

JOHN 10:28-29

Heart



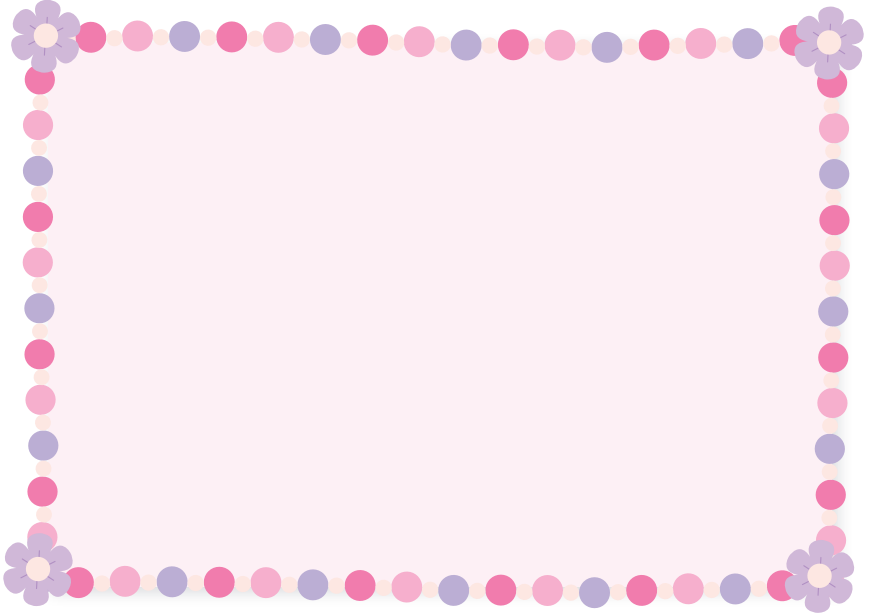
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Lord, Thank You that I Am Beloved.

Thank You that I am secure in Your love.

In Jesus’ name, amen.

DRAW A PICTURE THAT DESCRIBES THIS VERSE AND HOW
it says that you are protected in God's hands.



WRITE ABOUT THE THINGS THAT YOU HAVE IN A MEMORY BOX THAT ARE SPECIAL TO YOU. If you don't have one, create one out of a box you have, decorate it, and thank God for the sweet memories He's given you that will always be in your heart.

A rectangular writing area with a light pink background. The border is decorated with a repeating pattern of small pink, purple, and blue circles, and larger purple flowers with yellow centers at the corners. The writing area contains four horizontal dashed lines for text.

Week two day 3

ANSLEY SAID, "I LOOKED SADLY AT AUNT SAM'S

BOX. It didn't seem right that someone would call her things 'trash'." Sometimes in life, the things you hold dear to your heart, others won't care much about. Jesus gave His disciples this advice when they shared about the kingdom of God:

"If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, leave that home or town and shake the dust off your feet."

MATTHEW 10:14

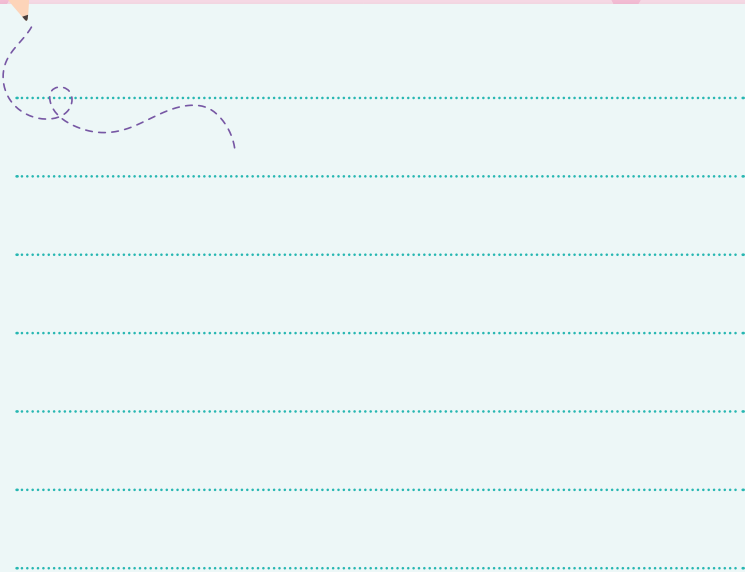
Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I Am Beloved.

Thank you that when people don't welcome me or treat me right,
I can shake it off and move on,
knowing I am loved by You.

In Jesus' name, amen.

**WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT HAS BOTHERED YOU THAT YOU NEED
TO SHAKE OFF RIGHT NOW?**



WHEN YOU SHAKE IT OFF, WHAT CAN YOU PUT IN ITS PLACE?

Read Romans 13:14 (NIV) to find out and then fill in the blanks:

**“Rather, _____ yourselves with the _____
_____.”**

Colossians 3:12 tells us what we can “put on.”

Look back at week 1 day 1 to find out:

**“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved,
c _____ hearts, k _____, h _____,
m _____, and p _____.”**

Week two day 4

ONE OF THE THINGS THAT CAN HELP US HAVE CONFIDENCE when listening to people pressuring us or saying unkind things is remembering God's words that you are His beloved. There is a voice that speaks of wisdom and love and goodness—God's voice. Listen to Him. Jesus said:

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

MATTHEW 10:14

Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I Am Beloved.

Help me to listen to Your voice above all.

Please put friends around me who encourage me to follow You.

In Jesus' name, amen.

WHO ARE THE STRONGEST VOICES IN YOUR LIFE?



ARE THEY ENCOURAGING VOICES?

ONE OF THE WAYS GOD SPEAKS TO US IS THROUGH HIS WORD IN THE BIBLE, like when a verse pops in your mind at just the right time! Is there a time you felt like God was speaking to you about something or impressing something on your heart? If so, what happened?

WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT CAN HELP YOU LISTEN TO GOD'S VOICE ABOVE ALL?

Week two day 5

IT IS AWESOME THAT YOU ARE SPENDING TIME WITH THE LORD THROUGH THIS JOURNAL. As you seek God daily, His voice will become stronger and stronger in your heart and mind. And those times when you feel sad or afraid or even joyful, you can be comforted in His love as you hear His voice that tells you,

*“The Lord your God is with you,
the Mighty Warrior who saves.
He will take great delight in you;
in His love He will no longer rebuke you,
but will rejoice over you with singing..”*

ZEPHANIAH 3:17

Heart



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Lord, Thank You that I Am Beloved,
and that You rejoice over me with
singing! Help me to listen to Your
loving voice above all.
In Jesus' name, amen.

SAYING SOMETHING, BETTER YET, SINGING IT, OVER AND OVER, AND WRITING IT DOWN, CAN HELP IT STICK. Write these words below three times, and say (or sing) them as you write them, to remember these beautiful truths of how God feels about you.

***God is with me.
He takes great delight in me.
He rejoices over me with singing.***

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Week three day 1

WHEN ANSLEY STILL HAD NOT FOUND A

TREASURE, SHE SAID, "I felt my face burn. I hadn't meant to look disappointed." Do you know that when you're angry, God doesn't withhold His love from you? When you're disappointed, God doesn't think less of you. And when you make fewer mistakes, God doesn't love you more. His love for you stays the same, always.

"Satisfy us in the morning with Your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days."

PSALM 90:14

Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I Am Beloved.

In all my emotions, I am amazed that
Your love for me never changes.
Thank You for always loving me.

In Jesus' name, amen.

DO YOU FEEL THAT GOD’S LOVE FOR YOU CHANGES BASED ON HOW YOU ACT? WHY OR WHY NOT?

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WHAT KIND OF LOVE DOES PSALM 90:14 SAY GOD HAS FOR YOU?

Fill in the blanks.

“ _____ us in the morning with
Your _____ love ... ”

Write the definition of the word you put in the second blank:

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READ PSALM 90:14 AGAIN AND PAY ATTENTION TO THE LAST PART OF THE VERSE. When we are satisfied with God’s love, what can we more easily do?

“ _____ and
_____ all our days.”

PSALM 90 IS ACTUALLY A PRAYER FROM MOSES! He prayed this prayer for the Israelites—that they would be satisfied with God’s love every morning. How cool that we can say the same prayer for ourselves and others. Each morning this week, say Psalm 90:14 as a prayer to God to help satisfy you in the morning, just like Moses prayed.

Week three *day* 2

THE GIRLS' DAD SAID TO THEM, "I WANTED TO SHOW YOU SOME OF YOUR MOM'S TREASURES.

They're really yours now. Except for that box. That's mine. And in there you'll find what she treasured most in this world." We find out that the girls were their mom's greatest treasure. And, you are God's greatest treasure. This week, let's learn a part of Ephesians 3:17-19 each day to understand God's deep love for us. Try memorizing a part of this verse each day so by the end of the week you will have the verse memorized.

"And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love ... "

EPHESIANS 3:17

Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I Am Beloved.

And that my identity and who I am
all are rooted in knowing that
I am deeply loved by You.

In Jesus' name, amen.

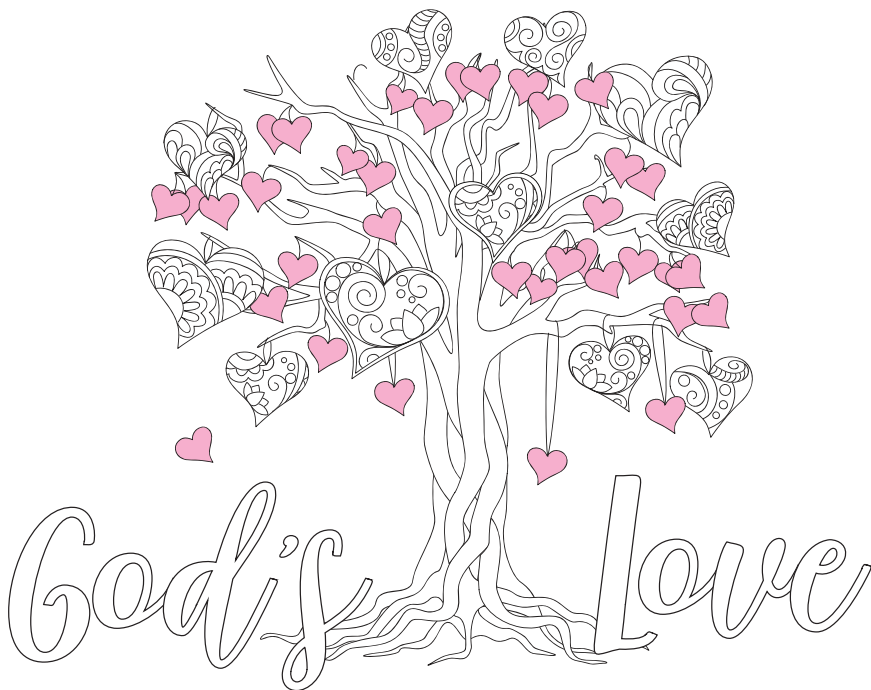


THINK ABOUT THE ROOTS OF A TREE ... HOW DO THEY HELP A TREE STAND

STRONG? Just like roots bring nutrients and life to a tree and give it stability and strength, you are “rooted and established” in God’s love.

What does “rooted and established in love” mean to you?

Color the picture below to remember that you are rooted in God’s love.



Week three day 3

WHEN A TREE IS ROOTED INTO THE GROUND, it can withstand harsh conditions that come its way. In the same way, being rooted in God's love can also help you withstand pressures and hardships.

"And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ ..."

EPHESIANS 3:17-19

Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I Am Beloved.

Help me understand how wide and long and high and deep the love of Christ is and to be rooted in Your love.

In Jesus' name, amen.

WHEN YOU THINK OF THE WORDS IN THIS VERSE: "How wide and high and deep is the love of Christ," what comes to your mind? What does that say about Christ's love?



Handwriting practice lines consisting of five sets of horizontal dotted lines on a light pink background.



How
Wide & Long
And *High & Deep*
Is the Love of Christ



Week three day 4

EPHESIANS 3:19 TELLS US THAT CHRIST'S LOVE IS BEYOND OUR UNDERSTANDING. Jesus giving His life for us was the greatest sign of His love for us. Yet, the depth of His love is still too great and wonderful for us to completely grasp. Take in the love God has for you as you read this verse and highlight or circle all the times the word *love* is used:

“And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”

EPHESIANS 3:17-19

Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I Am Beloved.

I pray Your love soaks into my heart so
I know not only that I am loved,
but also that I am filled by You!
In Jesus’ name, amen.

WRITE EPHESIANS 3:17-19 BELOW TO HELP YOU MEMORIZE IT AND
STORE IT IN YOUR HEART AND MIND.

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Week three day 5

ANSLEY'S DAD HANDED HER ONE OF HER MOM'S NECKLACES. Ansley said, "I remember seeing my mother wearing it and reading the words that were engraved on it many times. Even though I knew the words well, I cupped the pendant to read them carefully again. It was a quote from the Bible. It read:

"The Lord bless you, my daughter."

RUTH 3:10

Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I Am Beloved,
and that I am blessed because of
Your unfailing love for me.
In Jesus' name, amen.



WRITE YOUR NAME IN THE BLANK AND REFLECT ON THESE
WORDS SPOKEN TO YOU:

The Lord bless you, _____.

**WHAT IS A SPECIAL PIECE OF JEWELRY OR PRECIOUS ITEM YOU
HAVE, and why is it special to you?**

IF YOUR MOM OR GRANDMA HAS A JEWELRY BOX, you could ask
them the stories behind their jewelry. You could also create a
special piece of jewelry together that is meaningful to you.

Draw a design below of what you would like the piece of
jewelry to look like.



Week four day 1

ANSLEY'S DAD LET THE GIRLS KNOW THAT EACH PIECE OF THEIR MOM'S JEWELRY WAS DIFFERENT AND UNIQUE. Likewise, God has made you unique. Don't try to copy another person, because God made you, *you*, on purpose. And that is a beautiful thing!

*"For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully and
wonderfully made; your works are wonderful,
I know that full well."*

PSALM 139:13-15

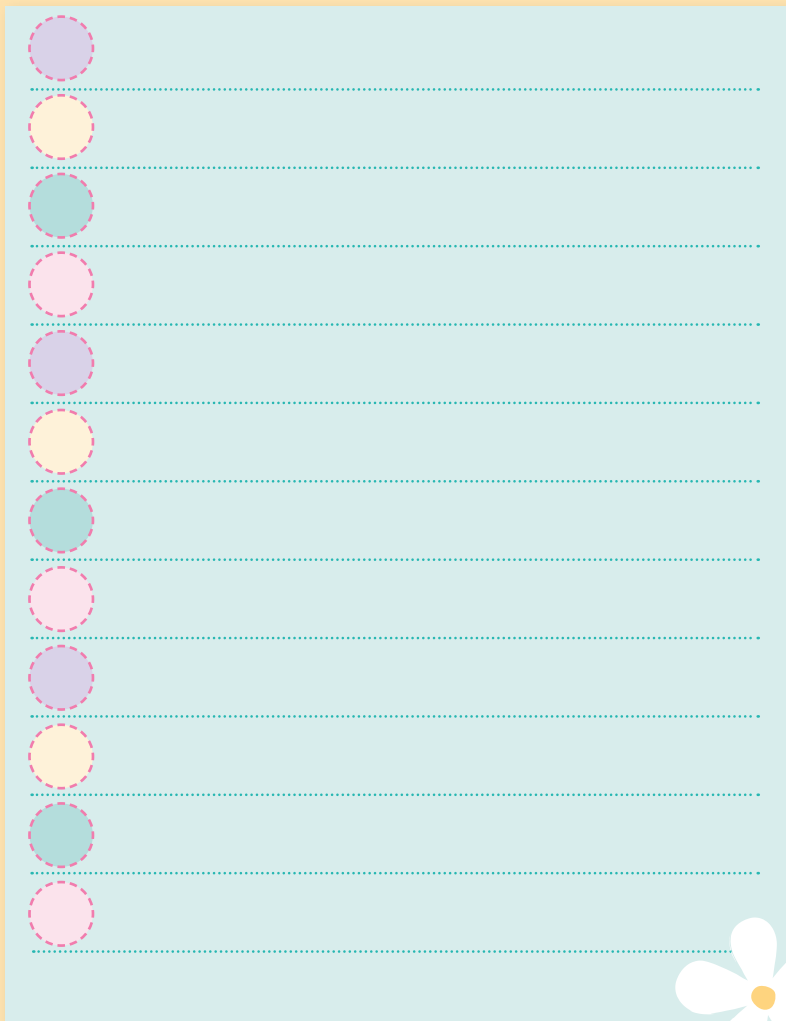
Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I Am Beloved.

And, that You knit me together and
made me just how You want me to be.
Help me to delight in that truth!

In Jesus' name, amen.

**ASK SOME OF YOUR CLOSEST FRIENDS OR YOUR PARENTS
OR SIBLINGS WHAT MAKES YOU UNIQUE,** and what makes you,
you, and write it below. Then, if you're having a day where you need to be
reminded of who God made you to be, come back and read this entry.




Week four day 2

THE GIRLS COULDN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT THEIR MOM'S GREATEST TREASURE COULD BE. The girls' dad said, "What you are looking at right now is without a doubt, your mother's greatest treasure." My face was being reflected back at me from a mirror at the bottom of the box. A feeling like I'd just been covered by a warm and cozy blanket came over me."

*"But you are a chosen people,
a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
God's special possession, that you may
declare the praises of Him who called you
out of darkness into His wonderful light."*

1 PETER 2:9

Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I Am Beloved.

That I am special to You and that You have
chosen me to share Your love and light.

In Jesus' name, amen.



**JUST AS THE GIRLS' DAD SHARED THAT THEY WERE THEIR MOM'S
GREATEST TREASURE, WE ARE GOD'S GREATEST TREASURE.**

Write down the four things 1 Peter 2:9 says that we are:

1.
2.
3.
4.

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

**We are all these things when we believe in Jesus
so that we may “declare the _____
_____ who called you _____
into _____.”**



**WHAT DO YOU THINK IT MEANS THAT HE CALLS US OUT OF
DARKNESS INTO HIS WONDERFUL LIGHT?**

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Week four day 3

AFTER THE GIRLS LEARNED THAT THEY WERE THEIR MOM'S GREATEST TREASURE, their dad said, "See? Your mom's most precious treasure! Easily worth more than all the diamonds and rubies in the world." Psalm 13:5 says that the Father has great love for us and also lavishes it on us—wow! And, there's more—we're children of God! It's really important to know your identity ... you are God's Girl and you are loved.

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"

1 JOHN 3:1

Heart



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Lord, Thank You that I Am Beloved.
When I'm having a hard day, remind me
that I am God's Girl and that I am loved.
In Jesus' name, amen.



WHAT DOES BEING GOD'S GIRL MEAN TO YOU?

And what does it mean that God has lavished His great love on you?
(*Hint: Lavish means to give generously in extravagant quantities.*)

And don't forget to decorate your triple scoop ice cream and
to lavish it with delicious toppings!



Week four day 4

THE GIRLS' DAD SAID, "AND WHEN YOUR MOM LEFT TO LIVE IN GOD'S KINGDOM, SHE ENTRUSTED THAT PRECIOUS TREASURE WITH ME." Scripture tells us that when you believe in Jesus dying and rising again so you could have forgiveness, you are a part of His kingdom and always will be.

"The kingdom of God is within you."

LUKE 17:21

Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I Am Beloved.

Thank You for making a way for me to be with You forever. And that Your kingdom is within me.

In Jesus' name, amen.

HOW COOL IS THAT—WHEN WE BELIEVE IN JESUS, THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS WITHIN US! So, where you walk, what you do, when you speak, the kingdom of God is within you. What do you think that means?



WRITE SOME PLACES BELOW THAT YOU WILL GO TO THIS WEEK and as you write the places, remember that God is with you in every one of them!

ROMANS 10:9 SAYS, “IF YOU DECLARE WITH YOUR MOUTH, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” What does the fact that God made a way for us to be a part of His kingdom now and forever say about His love for us?



Week four *day* 5

ANSLEY SAID, “WE ALL RUSHED AT HIM, PILING ON TOP OF DAD IN A SPONTANEOUS GROUP HUG. After a moment, Dad laughed through our smothering arms. I realized right in the middle of all that love and laughter that family matters most.” The visual of piling on top of our Father in a hug is a beautiful picture of our love for God and His love for us. We’ve learned this week how deeply you are loved by God. Even though we are humans and sin, God showed His great love for us by giving His only Son, Jesus, to make a way to be with us forever. He didn’t have to. He *chose* to. Isn’t that awesome?!

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

JOHN 3:16

Heart



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Lord, Thank You that I Am Beloved.

I am in awe of the amazing love You showed me through Jesus.

In Jesus’ name, amen.

WHY DID GOD GIVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON?

Because God so _____ the world.

AND WHAT DOES IT SAY HAPPENS FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN HIM?

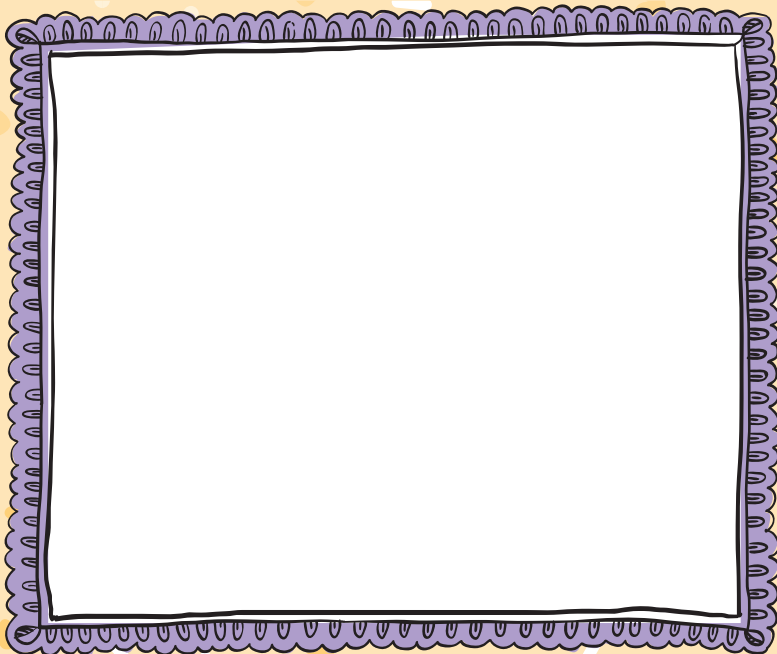
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DRAW A PICTURE BELOW SIGNIFYING GOD'S AWESOME LOVE FOR YOU.

Somewhere on the picture write LOVE very big as you are reminded this week of God's GREAT BIG love for you!





Lord,
Thank You that
I Am Beloved.