

Sunday 9 August 2020

Ages 10+ years

Have you seen God?

Maybe you just need to know where to look.....

You need to look for examples of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control



Prayer

God, thank you for the love that you have given me.

Let Your love fill my heart and guide me to love others as You love me.

In Jesus' name, **Amen**

Staying Connected

Galatians 5:22-23

But the Spirit produces the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. There is no law that says these things are wrong.

What do these verses mean to you?

Although God wants us to be full of love, joy, peace etc, it is not something that we can do on our own. It only happens when we stay connected to Jesus.

John 15:5 (NCV):

I am the vine, and you are the branches. If any remain in me and I remain in them, they produce much fruit. But without me they can do nothing.

Jesus is like the vine and we are like branches of the vine. In order for fruit to grow, the branches need to stay connected to the vine. The fruit that will grow in us is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

LOVE

We love because God first loved us.

(1 John 4:19)

God's loves us. The bible tells us in John 3:16, God loved us so much that He gave up His one and only Son, Jesus, as a sacrifice for us so we can be saved. **"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."** – John 15:13

The love that God showed us is what we call unconditional love and God did not wait for us to show Him any sign of our love for Him before Jesus died for us.

Jesus tells us he wants us to love each other. That seems easy doesn't it? You love your family and friends but Jesus wants us to love **everyone!** It could be the person who picks on you at school or the person no one else wants to be friends with - yes **everyone!!** So it is not so easy.

Look up these examples of Jesus' love

Luke 15:2

Matthew 14:14

Luke 19:1-10

Matthew 15:32

John 11:35; 38

What do we learn about Jesus?

What can we learn from Jesus?

To Do

- Love is an action: Look for examples of love in your home this week (it could be getting a hug, having someone cook your favourite food) etc. Where you find love, you will find God.
- Show others you love them this week. God loves it when we try to be like him and people will see God when you are being loving to them.

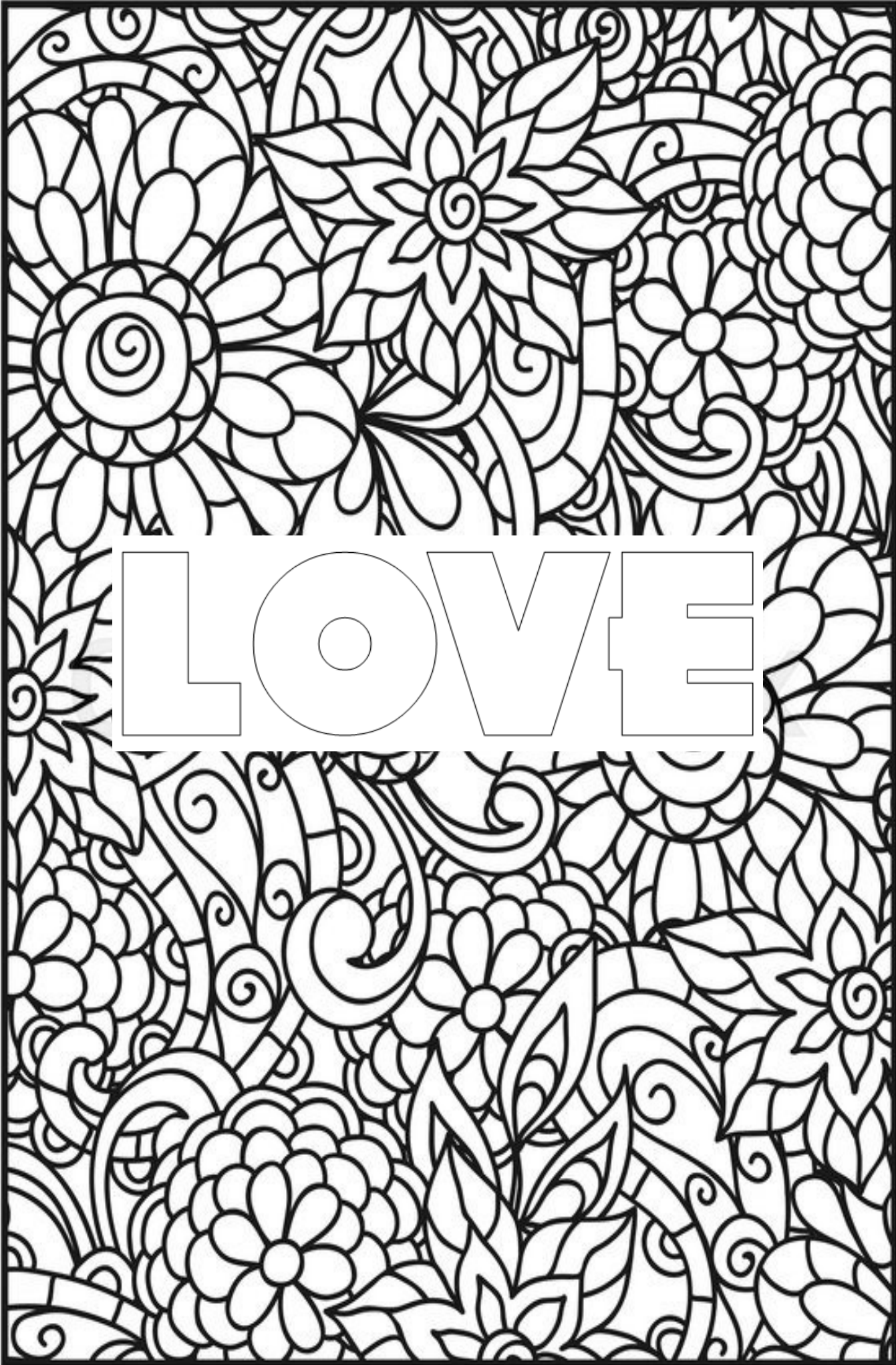
To think about

Next time you are in a conflict situation, think about how will you react?

Do you think it is possible to react in love and forgiveness rather than anger?

How do you think reacting in anger can change the conflict?

How do you think reacting in love can change the conflict?



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