

Dear Parents:

Our Memory Verse this week:

"My heart stands in awe of your words." Psalm 119:161

Today we discovered:

- God's Word is a love letter to us
- The Bible reflects the Father's character & heart
- Jesus, the Living Word, personally delivered the Father's love
- We are invited to live under His umbrella of love
- God's Words are like seeds planted in our hearts, & need to be "soaked" to grow & produce fruit

Parent's Points to Ponder:

When the Bible is read from a position of a true son or daughter, in loving relationship with Papa God, we will see His "Word" as a collection of love letters. These "letters" reveal His character, His love and our identity. These truths bring encouragement, strength, value, purpose and destiny to our children as they continue in their journey of life to bring Heaven to earth.

Ask Your Child:

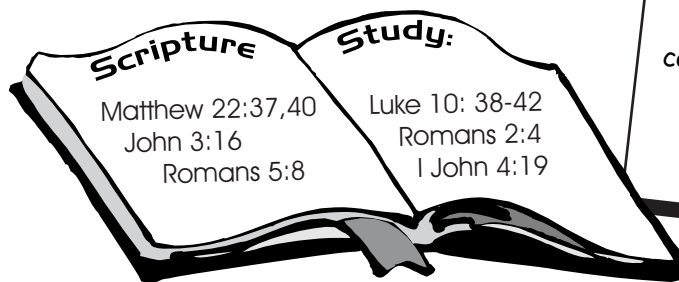
How is the Bible like God's love letter? (it tells us how much He loves us) Who came to personally tell us about the Father's love? (Jesus) How do we grow in God's love? (Read His love letter, the Bible, and soak in His presence) What was put into the backpack? (A "love" letter inside a Bible)

Soaking Time:

In a soaking atmosphere, have your child lay or sit down quietly. As Jesus' presence is invited, have your child ask Him to plant seeds of love into their heart (you may want to read several of the verses from today's lesson over them). Pray that the truth of those scriptures are planted into the "soil" of their hearts, that it will be watered and grow and produce fruit. Invite the Holy Spirit to come and "water the seed" and let them spend a few minutes soaking the "seed". Have them share what "seeds" they received.

Home Activity:

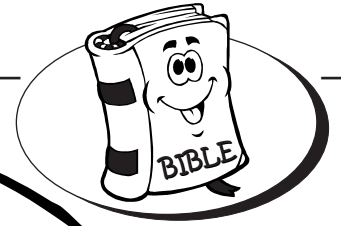
As a family, create a "book" of love letters to God. Discuss what kind of seeds can be planted in the soil of your heart and what fruit that will bring. Write what God showed as you were soaking. Design and create a cover for your book. You also may want to get some seeds, a pot and soil to grow an indoor garden. Plant some herbs and you can then enjoy the "fruits" from the seeds.



A Parent's Blessing:

I bless (Your child's name) spirit, for being a true child of the Father, for knowing Him as good and loving. I bless you for being able to read and hear God's Word, the Bible, and receive it as a love letter of good news.

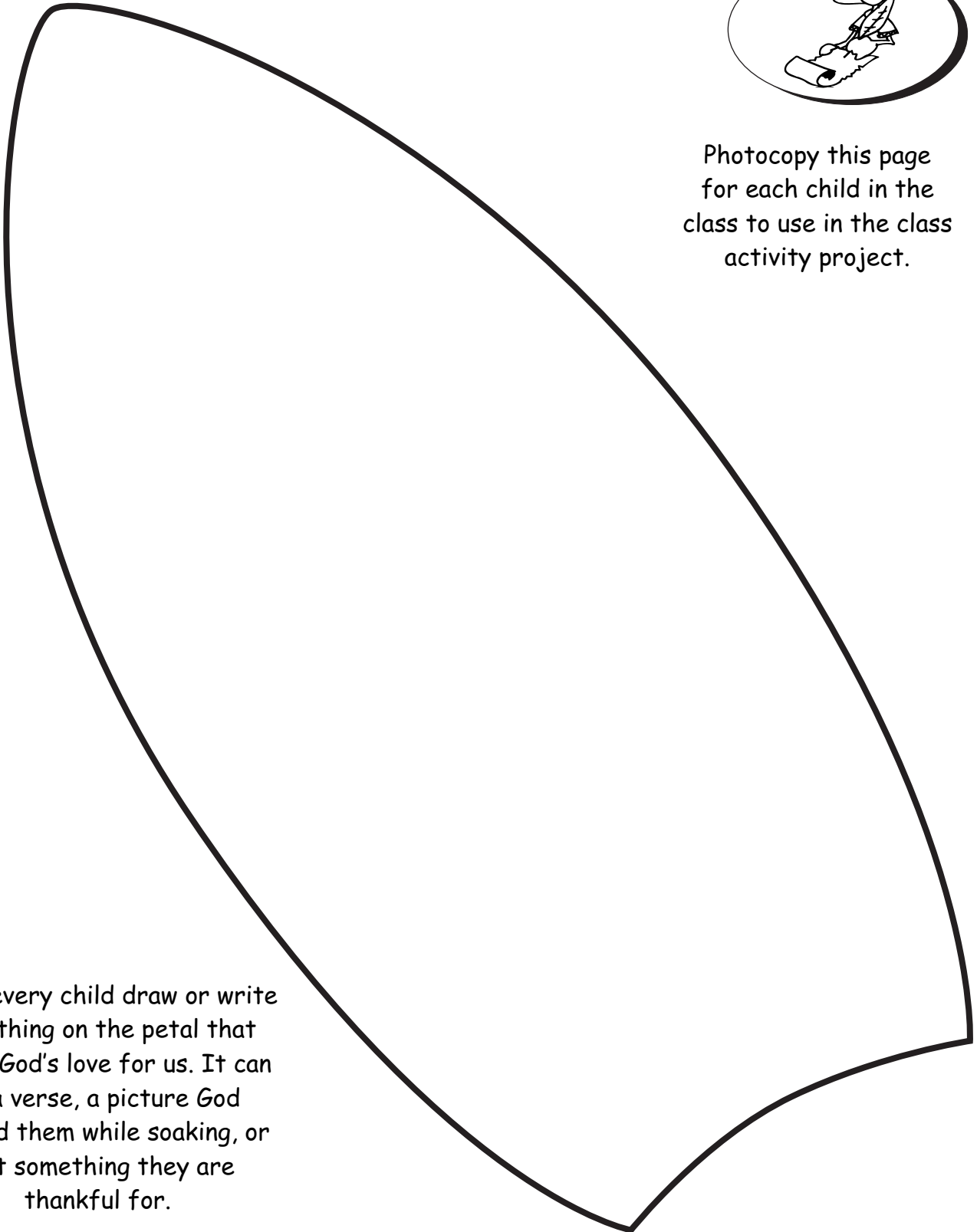
(Your child's name), I call your spirit to be encouraged and strengthened as you feed on His Word. Thank you Holy Spirit for watering the "seeds" planted in my child's heart, that they would continually grow and bear much fruit. I bless you in the wonderful name of Jesus Christ. Amen!



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Psalm 119:161b



Photocopy this page for each child in the class to use in the class activity project.



Have every child draw or write something on the petal that shows God's love for us. It can be a verse, a picture God showed them while soaking, or just something they are thankful for.