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The Bible tells us that God loves us, but how can we love God? In Matthew 22:37 it states "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." So how do we show love for someone? When you read the following article, think about your relationship with your spouse, your family, your friends, your neighbors and your Lord, God. Read the article a few times, each time with a different relationship in mind.

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When you love someone, you will enjoy doing things for them. You will want to do things that are pleasing to them. Other people will be able to tell that you love this person by the way you talk about them and the way you treat them. You will want to treat them with honor and respect and not do anything which would be degrading to them. You would not want to hurt them in any way - physically or emotionally. (We show our love for God by keeping His commandments - showing respect for Him and other people. We are to willingly help others who are in need. If you truly love God, you will want to tell others about Him and you will watch how you use His name and try not to do anything that is displeasing to Him.)

When you love someone, you would appreciate what they do for you. You would thank them often. You would praise them for who they are, for what they mean to you, and for how they have enhanced your life. (Through our prayers, we show our appreciation for God and for the many blessings He has given us.) Finally, you would tell them often "I Love You!"

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