



Leader Link

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7-12 Bible

I John 4:7 is where our theme verse for the year is found, "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God." The thought process here is that we can't truly love each other until we have a personal relationship with God's Son, Jesus Christ. As Christians, we have a "birthmark" that helps others tell us apart from the world. What is this birthmark?

First, there is a **spiritual conversion**. We come to the point where we recognize and acknowledge our sin before God. When we understand Christ's work on the cross, we are better able to accept His forgiveness and salvation.

Then, there needs to be a **spiritual change**. I John 1:5-7 says that we want to fellowship with the things of the light. We begin to desire obedience to God's commands and avoid things that conflict with God's way. We begin to do things that mark us as righteous (I Jn. 2:29).

A **spiritual charity** or love begins to take form as we change and desire fellowship and worship with other believers (Hebrews 10:25). This love causes us to be concerned when we have offended a brother in Christ (Rom. 14:19-22) and we desire reconciliation (Eph. 4:26-32).

Finally, we have a **spiritual companion** – the Holy Spirit. As we see God's Spirit working in our lives, convicting us, directing us and comforting us, it confirms that we are, indeed, children of God (Rom. 8:16).

As a point of self-evaluation: Do we love one another? Why? Is it a love from God? Do we have the marks of salvation?

Students Share Thoughts on 2009-2010 Theme Verse

If you say that you love God then you must love everyone, from your brother to your enemies. In everything we do and say we must show love. We must because God first loved us and He commands us to love. Loving one another is more than words, it's the choices you make and the way you live your life. It shows what you love.

Charley Gross, 9th grade

The theme verse is a great verse to remind everyone to love one another. When I walk into the school every morning I see the big letters on the wall that say, "< one another" and it encourages me to think before I speak and act. The verse says love comes from God and I want to be more like Him.

Courtney Svennes, 12th grade

It's a good verse because we live in a very selfish world. If we live in love, God makes us more like Christians because we are living for each other. We can be a light to non-believers in a dark world.

Ben Loewen, 8th grade

What can be a better way to show who Christ is to the people around us than through love? If someone does something against you, but you respond with love because that's what Christ has called you to do, you are going to be stunned that person who was expecting revenge or anger, with that love. Christ showed us ultimate love by dying on the cross for our sins. The least we can do is obey his command and love those around us.

Taya Loban, 12th grade

Second Graders Observe Natural Beauty, Discuss and Write



Second Graders—(front) Emily Wedel, Morgan Burns, Ferdinand Ordonez, Kyra Thielbar, Karlus Waldner; (back) Madelynn Brantner, Summer Gross, Zachary Hofer, Alanna Hood, Jaime O'Neill, Claire Tharp, Richard Rink, Nana Helmling & Jackson Trandall.

As part of a language assignment to write a detailed story about a trip, the second grade students in Mrs. Winona

Stahl's class took a mini field trip to the School Yard Habitat/Outdoor Classroom behind the school. Established in 2005 under the direction of the US Fish & Wildlife, this area provides a beautiful outdoor learning experience. Upon returning to the classroom the students discussed what they had seen, felt and tasted and then each one wrote a report. The following report was written by Ferdinand Ordonez.

The second grade class strolled to see the wild life area. We ate peanut butter cookies. Some saw white flowers. Some touched grasshoppers. We felt the breeze on our faces. We had a lot of fun.

Student Council Plans Special Events

The student council under the leadership of senior Ryan Loewen kicked off the year with fun activities designed to build relationships among the 7-12 grade students. They devoured a 70' long ice cream sundae, enjoyed a hat-and-shades day, and cooled off with some outdoor water games. The council plans to sponsor one special activity each month. They recently surprised the students with doughnuts, juice and milk.

Members of the student council will also organize several fundraisers. They will promote and manage a recycling project. A recycling truck is on site to take papers, magazines, catalogues and phone books which will be made into insulation. If you live in this area, collect these items and help us Go Green.



Enjoying the 70 foot long sundae.