



## MEMORY VERSE

“... I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me”  
(Galatians 2:20).

### INTRODUCTION

*(Have three helpers approach you one at a time.)*

Helper 1: I love you so much I'd give you the last bite of my favourite chocolate bar.

Helper 2: I love you so much I'd do your chores for a whole week.

Helper 3: I love you so much I'll always stick up for you and be on your side.

You can often tell how much someone loves you by the things they are prepared to do for you. Today's verse is about Someone who loves you more than anyone else and about the amazing thing He did for you.

### PRESENTATION

The verse is from Galatians 2:20. *(Read the verse from your Bible.)* God used the Apostle Paul to write these words and the first people to hear them were from a place called Galatia—that's why the book is called Galatians. *(Read the verse slowly from the memory verse visual before asking the children to repeat the verse with you.)*

### EXPLANATION

“the Son of God ... loved”—The verse is talking about the Lord Jesus. Before He came to earth, Jesus had lived for ever with His Father, God, in Heaven. He was born as a human baby, but He never stopped being God. When Jesus grew to be a man people could tell He loved them by the way He helped them, healed them and spent time with them. Jesus even spent time with people that others thought were “bad” or less valuable. He loves everyone.

“me”—You and I do not deserve God's love. We were born wanting to go our own way instead of God's way and we have disobeyed Him many times. God knows when you tell lies, think proud thoughts and hurt others with your words or actions. These things do not please Him. God is good and fair. He will always punish sin, but because He loves you He has made it possible for you to escape that punishment.

“gave Himself”—Jesus loves you! He loves you so much that He gave His own life for you. Jesus allowed Himself to be put on a cross to die. There He took the punishment for sin on Himself. He suffered and died in your place so that you could be rescued.

Intersperse the **explanation**, **application** and **repetition**.

**APPLICATION**

**Unsaved:** Perhaps when you think about all the things that God knows about you it makes you feel ashamed. You know you have done wrong things against God. The loving Lord Jesus can be your Saviour today if you have faith in Him! To have faith in Jesus is the same as believing in Him. It means relying completely on Jesus and what He did for you on the cross, not on anything good which you might be able to say or do. If you believe on Jesus, God will become your loving Heavenly Father and you will become His child. He will love you and help you live for Him.

**Saved:** If you have already believed on Jesus you can say these words and really mean them! You've put your faith in Jesus and you need to keep living by faith in Him. That doesn't mean that He needs to become your Saviour again—that only happens once—but each day you can rely on Him. He knows all about the people you find difficult to love and you can rely on Him to give you the help and strength you need to show love to them. Will you talk to Him about your day and ask the Holy Spirit to help you love people who are hard to love? That's one way to keep living by faith in Him.

**REPETITION**

**Heart cover-up.** When the verse has been repeated several times, use the hearts to cover some of the words and have the children repeat the verse again. Continue to cover words as the children become more familiar with the verse.