



Series: God's Story & Songs (04)

Title: LOVE: O, Holy Night

Scripture: Luke 2:1-20

2024 Memory Verses:

Theme Verse: *34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.* **John 13:34–35 ESV**

December Verse: *“For nothing will be impossible with God.” And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.* **Luke 1:37-38 ESV**

1. The Word of God came to mankind: (Luke 3:1-5)
 - a. Revealing our sin. (Exodus 20:1-21)
 - b. Proclaiming forgiveness through the baptism of repentance. (Luke 3:3)
 - c. Preparing the people for the Savior for our sin. (Luke 3:4-5)
2. The Word of God became flesh (Jesus): (John 1:14)
 - a. Revealing the Life and Light of the LORD. (John 1:1-5)
 - b. Proclaiming salvation from condemnation for all who believe. (John 3:16-18)
 - c. Preparing the people for receiving the LOVE of the Father. (1 John 4:9-10, John 3:34-35)
3. Jesus is the manifestation of the love of God. (1 John 4:9-10)
 - a. Revealing the life we might live through Christ. (1 John 4:9)
 - b. Proclaiming the glory of God through the love the church is to give to the world. (John 13:13-35, 1 Corinthians 13)
 - c. Preparing people for the return of Christ by preaching good news to the people. (Luke 3:7-18)

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What do we do with the love of God through Jesus?

- Receive the love of God the Father by believing in Jesus the Son. (Luke 3:18)
- Abide in the love of God the Father by confessing Jesus the Son and loving our brother. (1 John 4:13-21)

HOW DO WE LOVE OTHERS IN A WAY THAT WILL BRING PEOPLE TO JESUS?

- We love others more than we love ourselves: (if we have seen the glory of God)
 - i) By allowing others to love us and receiving their love.
 - ii) By giving others the benefit of the doubt.
 - iii) By assuming the best about one another.
 - iv) By having a sense of humor.
 - v) By humble sacrificial service.
- 1 Corinthians 13 is the best practical description of the new commandment Jesus gave.