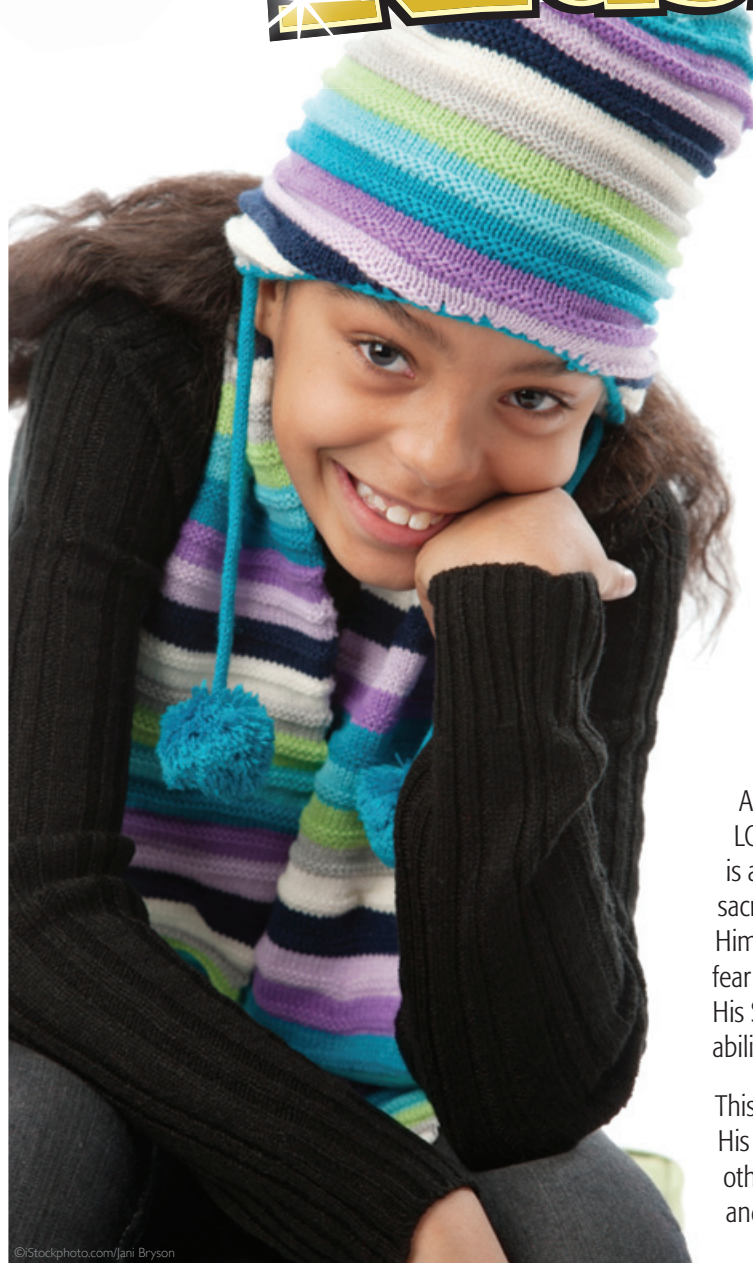


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WHAT IS THE LAST THING YOU SAID YOU LOVED?

“I LOVE MOM’S CHILI.”

“I LOVE MY NEW HAT AND SCARF.”

“I LOVE SNOW DAYS.”

You might LIKE those things, but are your feelings for chili, your new hat and scarf, and snow days really in the LOVE category? No, not anywhere close. Love is so much more than our feelings about hats or school vacations. Love is powerful and giving. Love changes lives.

In fact we can define love in one word – **GOD**.

GOD is love. God **IS** love. God is **LOVE**.

Any way we say it — whether we put the emphasis on GOD or IS or LOVE — the sentence makes sense. Think about it. Isn't this what Christmas is about? Christmas should be a reminder to us that we are loved. God sacrificed His Son for our dirty, filthy, rotten sin. And better yet, once we trust Him as Savior, we are never separated from His love — because of storms or fear or war or any other tough situation. (Check out Romans 8.) God gave us His Son, the ultimate gift of love. God also gave us another gift of love — the ability to care about one another with a love modeled on God's love for us.

This Christmas, let's be thankful that God loves us so much that He sacrificed His Son. This Christmas, let's be thankful that God gave us the capacity to love others — our parents, grandparents/grandchildren, aunts, uncles, siblings and friends.

1 John 4:10-11: Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

BRAIN DRAIN

CAN YOU FIND THE 16 BOOKS OF THE BIBLE HIDDEN IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS? SOME ARE FOUND AS WHOLE WORDS, BUT OTHERS ARE PARTS OF TWO OR THREE WORDS.

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible — it was a lulu; kept people looking so hard for facts, but for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names were not capitalized, but the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers — to others, it was a real job.

We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be really easy ones for you to spot, others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to fine one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. One woman says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now, for there really are sixteen books of the Bible found here.

(Acts, Amos, Esther, Hebrews, James, Job, Judges, Kings, Lamentations, Luke, Mark, Numbers, Peter, Revelation, Ruth, Titus)

DID YOU KNOW?

-  The first cookie made by a company (and not by Mom) is the animal cracker.
-  Animal crackers were originally edible tree ornaments.
-  Top-selling cookies include Oreos®, Chips Ahoy® and Nilla Wafers®.
-  You can visit the National Cookie-Cutter Museum in Joplin, Missouri.
-  Tinsmiths were making cookie cutters way back in the 1700s.
-  The earliest Christmas cookies were made of gingerbread.
-  Chocolate chip is the official state cookie of both Massachusetts and Pennsylvania.
-  Fifty percent of cookies baked at home are chocolate chip.

HA! HA!
HA!

WHAT DOES A SNOWMAN WEAR ON HIS HEAD?

An ice cap.

WHERE DO SNOWMEN GET INFORMATION?

On the internet.

WHAT DID THE SNOWMAN WIN AT THE OLYMPICS?

A cold medal.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU EAT CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS?

You get tinselitus.

WHY DID THE LITTLE BOY WEAR ONLY ONE BOOT?

The snow was a foot deep.

**FROM HERE
AND THERE**

**WE ASKED THE KIDS AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
IN ROSEPINE, LOUISIANA WHAT'S GREAT ABOUT
THEIR STATE. HERE'S WHAT THEY SAID:**



Going to Awana®, the state bird is a Brown Pelican, and the state flower is a Magnolia.

MACKENZIE age 9

What makes my state great is that we have awesome fishing and hunting. Louisiana is the birthplace of jazz, and we have Avery Island, the Audubon Zoo, the Aquarium, tons and tons of lakes - you'll never get bored in Louisiana.

ABIGAIL age 9

Best FOOD! **GREGORY** age 10

Louisiana is COOL! **COLTON** age 8

Our state is along the Gulf and is shaped like a boot.

MODESTY age 9

LSU Tigers! **ZACHARY** age 10

HEY!

**HERE'S A FUN WAY
TO MEMORIZE A VERSE!**

Make yourself a set of refrigerator magnets. You can buy sheets of magnetized material at hobby and craft stores.

Write each word of a verse on piece of paper. (To make the magnets stronger, use card stock paper.) Cut a piece of the magnetized material to stick on the back of the paper. Arrange the words in the right order. Mix them up. Do it again and again as you're waiting for Dad or Mom to fix supper (after YOU set the table, of course).

Keep the words and add to them when you learn your next verse — soon you'll have a set of Bible word magnets (though you'll continually need to add new words).

By the way, you can also purchase magnetic sheets that are glossy white on one side and magnetized on the other. This way, you can print the words on the computer instead of writing them. This is a little more expensive, but it might be a project you can do with your family.

