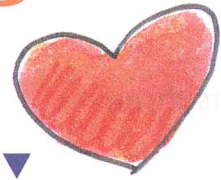


**GOSPEL**  
THEME

Love is shown  
through deeds, not  
just words.

# Our roads abound in



**If** we can believe the bumper stickers we see, people just about everything and everyone from pickup trucks and puppy dogs to grandchildren and Jesus. But if you really notice the way some of these people act

toward their neighbors, it seems it's far more popular to people than it is to LOVE them!  
Read the stories on the back page, and see if you can tell which ones reflect love in action and which reflect love only in words.

**SHARING**  
the  
**GOOD NEWS**  
Activity for Class or Family

**1** Make LOVE cards for each person playing (see illustration). Divide each card into twenty squares. Across the top four squares write the letters LOVE. In each of the other squares, place a number from one to sixteen. Every card should have numbers in different sequences.

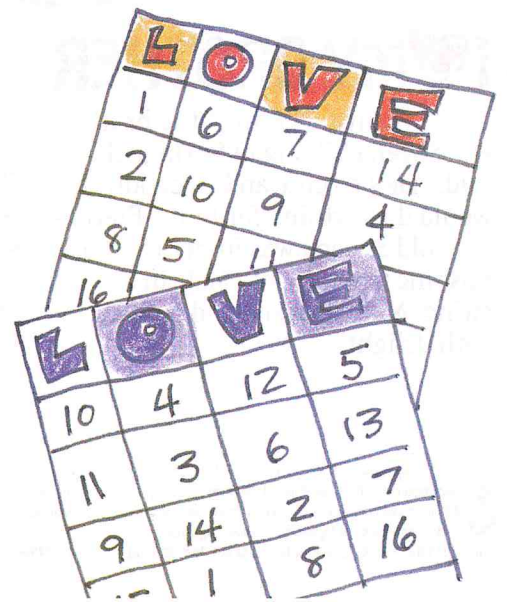
**2** Cut out sixteen small hearts for each person playing the game (you may use buttons or small plastic chips from another game if you prefer).

**3** Number thirty-two small bits of paper with the numbers one through sixteen.

**4** Now you are ready to play your game. Select one person to be the caller of the numbers. Each time a person fills a line across, down, or

diagonally on their card, that person must call out "LOVE" and announce one act of love he or she could perform that day.

**5** Save the game pieces to play any time. This is a fun way to put love into action.



**J**ESUS said, "The one who obeys my commands is the one who loves me." It's not enough to say we love Jesus or our neighbor, we have to do something to show it.  
Here is a game you can play to link the word LOVE with an act of love. The game is played like BINGO.



# Scripture Acrostic

To solve this acrostic, fill in the blanks next to the clues and transfer the letters to the numbered spaces below. (Do not use letters numbered 0.)

Finished	23	10	31	3	
An animal to ride	28	37	0	26	12
A plaything	1	18	16		
Where you live	2	9	20	42	
She rides a broom	33	25	27	17	34
Courageous	11	0	21	38	6
Warmth	8	29	21	27	
Not high	36	10	7		
Four minus three	4	22	39		
Obey	19	25	5	23	
Remain where you are	40	27	21	16	
Opposite of "no"	13	32	14		
Grassy forest growth	41	30	26	24	
Pet name for mother	15	35	41		

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42						

## I ♥ MY BROTHER

"I really LOVE my little brother," Sheena Sibling of Springfield said. "He's so cute and so cuddly. I would do anything for him." Eleven-year-old Sheena was in her backyard pushing two-year-old Matt in a swing. Matt shrieked and giggled with delight.

At that moment, Sheena's best friend came by to invite her to come over and play video games. Sheena immediately stopped pushing Matt and left with her friend, ignoring Matt's cries of "Me too! I go too!"

Mr. Sibling came out of the house, where he had been busy making supper. He picked up Matt from the swing and brought him inside.

## I ♥ MY BEST FRIEND

Fritz Friendly and Lonell Loyal are good friends from Heartsville. They do everything together. On the playground at recess they talk about studying together after school at Lonell's house. Lonell has trouble with social studies, so Fritz helps him. Fritz has trouble with math so Lonell helps him.

Suddenly a boy about Fritz's age comes by and says, "Hey, Fritz! All the guys are getting together at Henderson's after school. Why don't you ditch that wimp Lonell and come along?"

"No thanks," Fritz replies. "If Lonell isn't welcome, I'm not interested. And don't call Lonell a wimp."

## I ♥ MY PARENTS

Olivia Obedient of Old Orchard is an only child. Olivia's mother was just coming in from work and went to the kitchen to begin preparing dinner. Mr. Obedient was due home any minute.

Olivia says she loves her parents very much: "Just this morning I made a neat card for my mother telling her how much I love her. Mom likes that sort of thing."

Then the telephone rang. "Olivia," called Mrs. Obedient, "Would you get that? I'm just putting the chicken into the oven."

Olivia hollered back from the other room where she was watching TV: "I can't right now. It's the good part of the program. The answering machine will get it."

Yesterday Olivia gave her father a big hug when he left for work. Olivia knows that hugs make her dad happy.

Mr. Obedient pulled into the driveway just then and called from the car. "Olivia! Come out and move your bike so I can get in the garage!"

"Can't you move it?" Olivia yelled back. "I'm doing something else right now!"

## I ♥ JESUS

Every Sunday morning, Jason Jordon of Jacksonville serves Mass for Father Sheehan at seven o'clock. Everyone likes Jason. "He is such a nice boy," they all say.

If anyone asks whether he loves Jesus, Jason says, "Sure I love Jesus. Doesn't everyone?"

How does Jason show his love for Jesus? "I'm not sure," Jason says. "I just try to love others, I guess...like Jesus said we should do."

After Mass this past Sunday, Jason helped a little kid down the street learn how to kick a soccer ball. When the lesson was over, Jason helped an elderly neighbor carry a large bag of groceries into her house. After that, he ran off to play with his friends.

