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Teacher Notes

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1. Who does God love?

Explain to the student: the “world” is you and me.

2. How does God show His love?

Explain to the student: God sent His only Son Jesus to die for our sins. All of us **desire and do** bad things in disobedience of God. Jesus Christ took our punishment for our sins and God accepted Jesus’ payment. When you disobey your parents, you get punished; but, when Jesus died on the cross, He got punished instead of you - for ALL your sins!

3. What did God promise?

Explain to the student: Whoever believes in Jesus will not perish -- When you believe that Jesus, God's Son, died for your sins, and you accept Him as your rescuer from the punishment for sin, God says you will never perish. To perish means to be separated from God, but that can't happen if you believe in Jesus who took your sins away on the cross!

God’s promise of an everlasting life -- when a person accepts Jesus (that is, believes in Jesus and trusts His promise of forgiveness), that person gets a life that never ends, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and will be in the physical presence of God.