

## Quick Overview:

**Teacher:** Prepare your teaching by reading--

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-study/topical-studies/what-does-love-the-lord-with-all-your-heart-mean-in-the-bible.html>

Students will learn:

- By loving him with all my heart, I place myself in the position of **contentment**. Contentment that is there regardless of my current circumstances.
- By loving him with all my soul, I quiet myself and listen to the voice within that lets me know that **there is a God**. He created me and wants to have a relationship with me.
- By loving him with all my mind, I no longer depend on my own understanding but **trust God's** understanding.
- By loving him with all my strength, I study my **actions** and reflect on how they **align with** showing love for **God**.

1. Introduce “What we believe..”

**Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength!**

Luke 10:27

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind.

2. Do “*What do you love?*” and discuss the difference between love for worldly things that can pass away and our love for God which comes from within.

Page 1 Have students draw what they love.

Page 2 Explain the ways to love God. (See teacher guide)

-Heart: Write the word CONTENT in the big heart.

-Soul: Write GOD in the small heart

-Mind: Write TRUST GOD

-Strength: Draw several actions on the arms that align with God.

3. Watch video of “*The Good Samaritan*”. Prompt students to watch for ways that the Samaritan shows love that is a reflection of his love for God. (Mention that we don’t know the heart of this man but since Jesus told this story to illustrate the concept of loving others= loving God, we will believe that he is a believer of God.)

4. Discussion Questions

5. Watch video, “Word Study--Agape: Love”

6. Make Mobius Strip

7. Pray

What we believe...

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mind and strength.**

**Luke 10:27** (NIV)

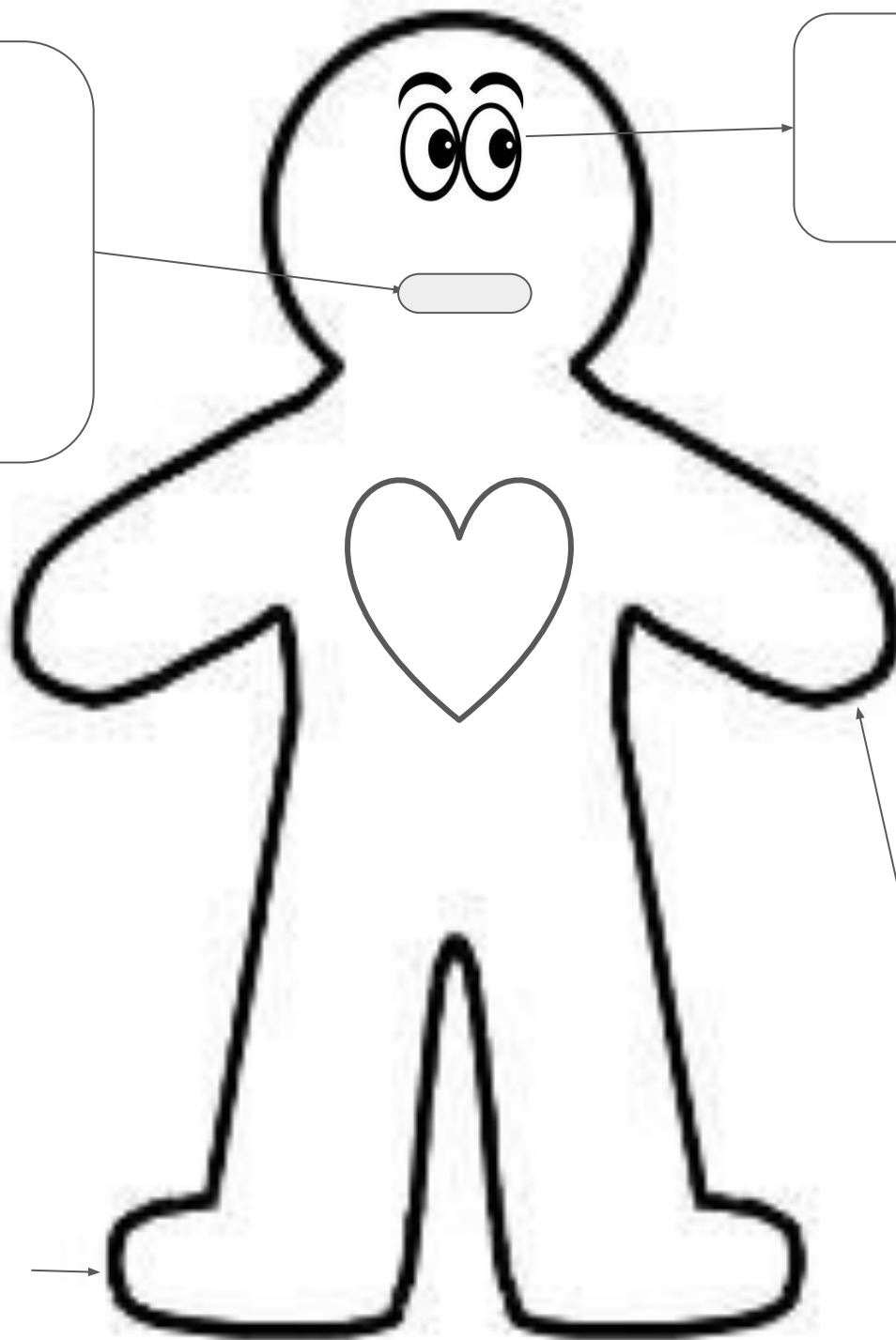
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# What do you love?

What food do you love to eat?

What color do you love the most?

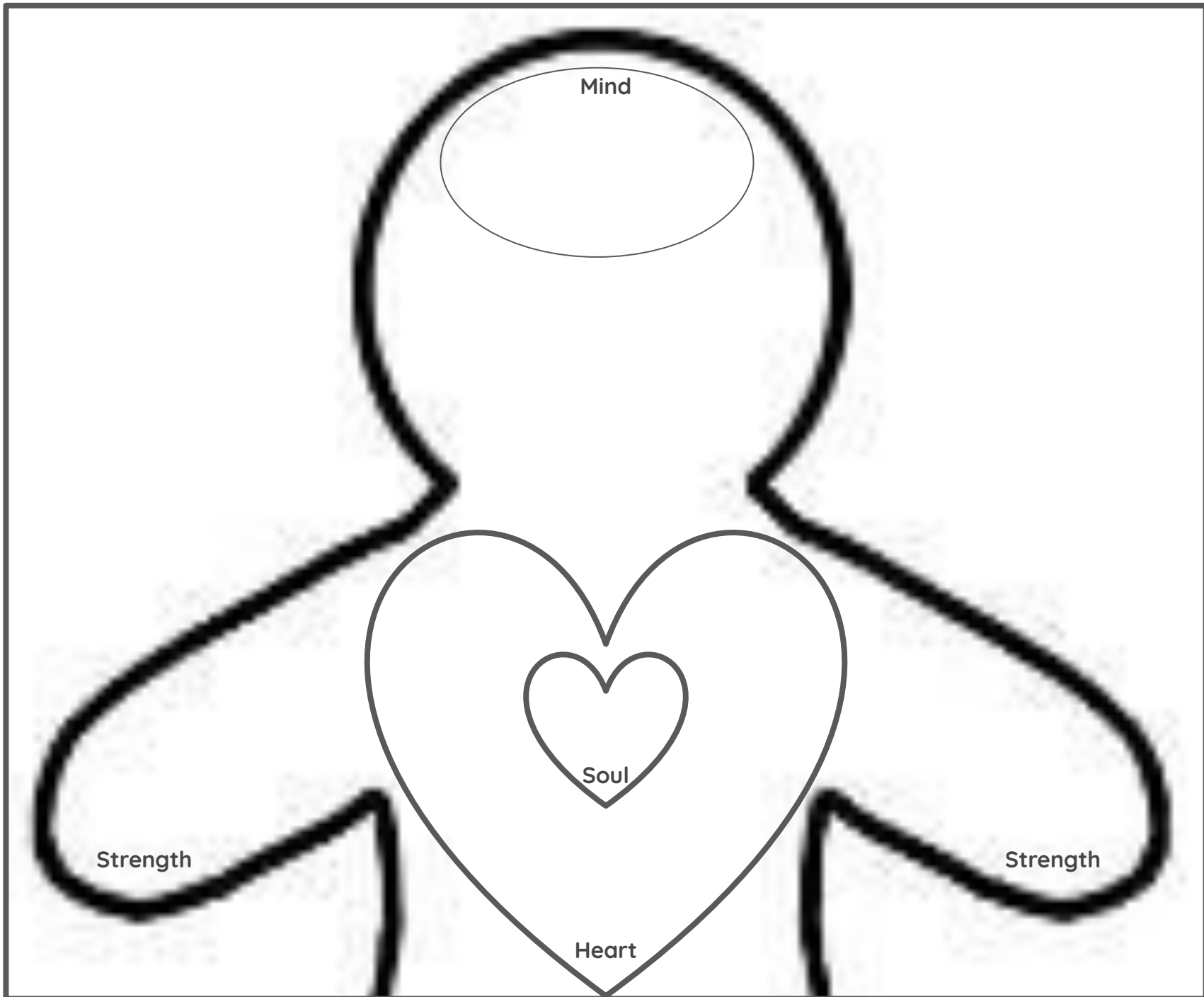


What toy do you love best?

What kind of shoes do you love to wear on your feet?



What does it mean to *love* God with all my heart, soul, mind and strength?



## Teacher Guide--What do you love?

### Heart

ALL your heart means at ALL times. Even when God seems quiet. Even when he says wait. And even when he says no. And, yes, even when bad things happen. Continuing to love God even when bad things happen or when good things don't happen is key to a life of contentment. You don't have to be happy "for" the bad thing. You just have to see through that bad circumstance to the God who wants to comfort you and will never leave you nor forsake you.

### Soul

You have a God-shaped hole within you that can only be satisfied by Him. But then you have to allow yourself to go even further past that simple knowing and let yourself believe that God not only exists but he loves you enough to send his only Son to die and free you from your sins. Your soul takes you much farther than your heart can; it takes you to a solid relationship with the living Lord and as a bonus, heaven.

### Mind

When I depend on my own understanding, lies run rampant in my brain. They can pop up at any time in an attempt to slow my walk with God. Loving God with my mind means renewing my mind daily so that I think more of his thoughts instead of my own. I know his thoughts by reading the Bible daily. Then with study and repetition, some of his thoughts go in to my brain and dissipate those old lies. God's will and thoughts are good, pleasing, and perfect. I need as much of them as possible to fill and renew my mind ([Romans 12:2](#)).

### Strength

Loving God with all my strength means stepping out in faith. It means stepping out of my comfort zone. It means stepping out to help someone. Faith without works isn't worth much. But faith with works can change a piece of the world for the better.

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(Video)

**The Good Samaritan**  
**Luke 10:25-37**



## Discussion Questions:

1. Is it always easy to love ourselves? Love others?
2. What are healthy ways to “love ourselves”?
3. How can we make visible our love for God?

(Video)

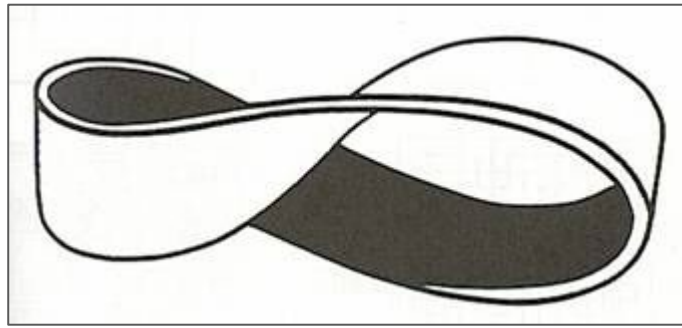
# What is love?

Advent Word Study

**Agape: "Love"**





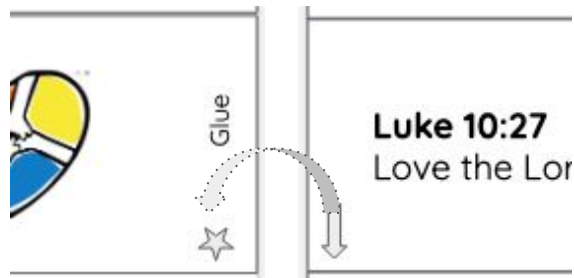


## Möbius Strip Instructions

1. Print the two pages back-to-back.
2. Cut strips.
3. Hold the strip so the arrow is pointing away from you and twist the arrow end in that direction while holding the other end.



4. Glue the ends together so the arrow goes on top if the star.



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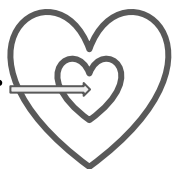
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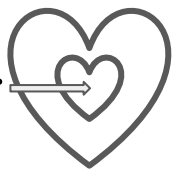
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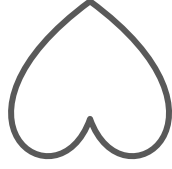
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