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for Elementary

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Lesson 11

## The Greatest!

*Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.*

1 John 4:11

I often try to remember to affirm my kids' value. I give them a hug and tell them, "You are a blessing to me" and then list one or two specific things I enjoy about them. "I love your laugh and your bear hugs and back scratches." Other times I might say, "I love reading the Bible and praying with you" or "I love your sense of humor" or "I appreciate the way you take care of your dog." Short, specific ways to show my love helps them know they are deeply loved by me and very special to God.

### Try This:

I thought I was being very positive with words in front of my kids, but I discovered they often heard only my negative comments. So I asked them to give me a "peace" sign every time they felt I was being negative. First, I found that my words weren't as positive as I thought! Second, I learned that the kids sometimes misunderstood a comment as negative that I hadn't meant in that way. In the process of being honest with me, I learned a lot from them. It's really helped me to improve the things I say to them!