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Sunday School Lessons

Unit Two

"God's Caring, Saving, and Upholding Love"

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We are providing these notes from the Committee on Uniform Series that prepares associated Sunday School lesson outlines long in advance of their usage. Included in this Guide are thoughts that are reflected in the Lesson Development Guide for writers of Sunday school lessons and the recommended commentary of the Department of Christian Education, The New International Lesson Annual published by Abingdon Press Nashville, Tennessee.

During the winter quarter we are exploring the love of God and is entitled Faith in Action: Revealing The Love of God. During this quarter we encounter stories in which God is eternal, steadfast, saving love, perseveres, renews, and upholds us. Just as God and Jesus act as the good shepherd, so we are to care for others who need to experience such love in their lives. Unit two is entitled "God's Caring, Saving, and Upholding Love."

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Hardship, distress, and separations of all kinds abound in human life. How can we face these difficulties? Paul is convinced that nothing in all creation is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ.

Goal for the Learners

- ✓ To explain the meaning of justification by faith.
- ✓ To experience the joy of God's reconciling love.
- ✓ To live out God's reconciling love in the world.

Lesson Challenges for the Week

- Identify routine tasks that prompt you to think about justification. Each time you perform one of these tasks remember how through Jesus' sacrificial death you are justified—put right with—or reconciled to God. Typing a letter that is justified on the right margin would be one example. Reconciling your bank statement might be another. Use these opportunities to celebrate and give thanks for God's reconciling love for you.
- Practice saying this adaptation of today's key verses—"Nothing will be able to separate me from the love of God in Christ Jesus my Lord"—whenever you feel overwhelmed or threatened by a situation.
- Offer whatever support you can to someone who feels unloved and overcome by situations in life. Let this person know of God's love for him or her. Live out this reconciling love in ways that enable this person to see God's love through you.



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