



**The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church**  
**Department of Christian Education**  
**MAKING DISCIPLES through "events that FORM and TRANSFORM"**



**Sunday School Lessons**  
**Unit Two**  
**"Loving God by**  
**Trusting Christ"**  
**January 2019**

This quarter's study begins with God's demands for our complete and undivided love as shown in passages from Deuteronomy and Psalms. It proceeds with our response to God's love in the advent of Christ, and the Epistles' interpretations of the nature and extent of our responses to God's love in Christ. It concludes with passages from three of the Psalms expressing glorification of God.

Unit II, "Loving God by Trusting Christ," has five sessions. Matthew continues to inspire trust in God for all things, while James encourages total submission to God in love. In his letter to the Philippians, Paul gives an interpretation of human devotion to God in Christ; promotes selfless devotion through exemplification of Christ's total submission to God in love; and encourages giving up everything for the sake of one's love for Christ.

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Unifying Principle

Personal interests and selfish ambitions can lead to controversies that threaten our relationships. How can people overcome their divisiveness? Paul commends the example of Christ, who humbly emptied himself in order to serve God and others through his sacrifice.

Goals for the Learners

- ✓ To study the saving work of Christ as it is presented in the Christological hymn of Philippians 2:6-11.
- ✓ To aspire to serve others by following Jesus' example of humility and sacrifice.
- ✓ To grow in the ability to place the needs of others before our own.

Challenges for the Week

- Compare and contrast the Philippian hymn with the Christ hymn of Colossians 1:15-20.
- Do one or more case studies on people who left an affluent culture to serve as missionaries to impoverished people.
- Note places in the Gospels where Jesus taught about serving others or demonstrated an example of humble service. How do these passages shed light on the hymn in Philippians 2.

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. Send an email to: [sundayschool@thecmechurchced.org](mailto:sundayschool@thecmechurchced.org) to receive this guide electronically each week.

