



# The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church Department of Christian Education

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## Sunday School Lessons

### Unit One

"God's Eternal, Preserving,  
Renewing 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 one is entitled "God's Eternal, Preserving, Renewing Love."

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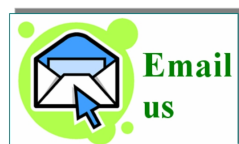
Sometimes those who break the rules become outcasts in the group. Where can those who break rules find acceptance? Out of great love for us, God saved us by grace through faith and will show the immense richness of this grace through faith and will show the immense richness of this grace in kindness to those who are in Christ Jesus.

### Goal for the Learners

- ✓ To identify ways in which God's love addresses the how our lives are separated by sin.
- ✓ To give thanks for God's grace that offers new possibilities for living in human community.
- ✓ To commit to expressing God's love in the world and the communities in which they live.

### Lesson Challenges for the Week

- Respond to someone who acts negatively toward you with a sign of God's grace and love. How does your response affect this person?
- Do at least one good work each day this week. Recognize, as Saint Augustine has written, that "grace is given not because we have done good works, but in order that we may be able to do them."
- Offer a prayer in which you express thanks to God for the grace and love that has enable you to have new life through Jesus Christ.



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