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Title: Measuring God’s Love

Theme: God’s love is far greater than anything we can use to measure it.

Object: Bathroom scale, tire pressure gauge, measuring cups & spoons, tape measure, clock.

Text: John 3:16 (NKJV) For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Have you ever heard that verse before?

It’s my favorite verse because it tells us how much God loves us and what He did to save us.

It tells us that we can be saved from eternal death by believing in Jesus, and, when we do, He will give us eternal life instead of eternal death. What good news!

One of the things I think about when I hear this verse is measuring things.

There are all kinds of different ways we can measure things.

I have brought a few things in my bag this morning that show different ways we can measure things.

[Show each thing in the bag and ask what it is used to measure.]

A scale is very important in measuring you weight and keeping it at a healthy level, but we can’t measure God’s love with a scale.

A tire gauge is very important in making sure the tires of your car have the right amount of air, but we can’t measure God’s love with a tire pressure gauge.

Measuring cups and measuring spoons are very important if you want to bake something according to the recipe, but we can’t measure God’s love with a measuring cup.

A measuring tape is very important if you want to build a house that looks good, but we can’t measure God’s love with a measuring tape.

A clock is very important if you want to measure time, but you can’t measure God’s love with a clock.

So how are we going to measure God’s love for us? None of these things will work.

Let’s go back to John 3:16, because that verse tells us how to measure God’s love.

It says, “For God so loved the world…” In other words, “this is how much God loved the world…”

Or we could say, “This is how we measure how much God loves the world…”

We look at what He has done for us.

He gave us His only begotten Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins.

And, if we believe in Jesus and ask Him to forgive us of our sins, He will.

When He forgives us, He saves us from eternal death, and gives us eternal life.

That’s how much God loves us: He sent His Son to die, so we could live with Him in heaven forever.

The Bible says, “Greater love has no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.”

That’s what Jesus did for you and me.

Nobody else has done that for me; nobody else has done that for you.

Nobody loves you more than Jesus.

Would you like to tell Jesus that you love Him today?