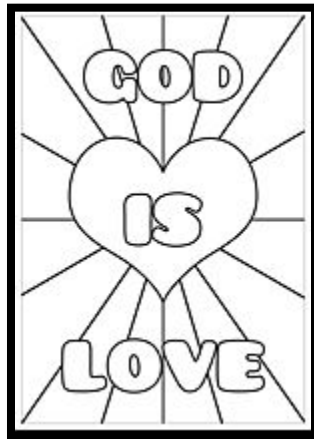


Developing the Nature of God



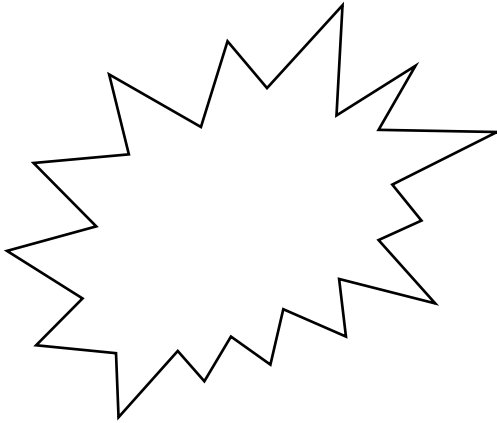
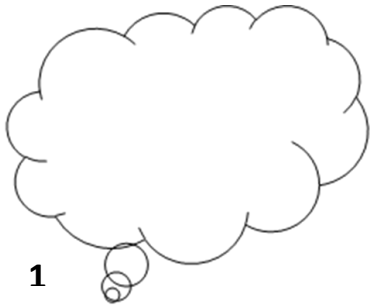
Read: *The Nature of God – What's Love Got to Do with It? (CGG)*

From the passage (or other scriptures you already know) list 3 scriptures that provide us with insights, tools, and instructions to help us understand the love of God. In the second column, summarize the insight, tool, or instructions given in each List them below.

Scripture	Instruction



Think of a recent situation in which you did NOT act with God's love. What were your thoughts when you decided not to act in God's love?



Think about the focus of each of these ungodly thoughts. WHO was the focus? YOU or GOD?

Write the ungodly focus in the star since it supports the thoughts above.



Fill in the blanks below to show your understanding of these scriptures.

_____ is love, and he who abides in _____ abides in _____, and God in _____. (1 John 4:16)

By this shall all _____ know that you are my _____, if you have _____ one for _____. (John 13:35)



Defining Love:

The world and God define love very differently. Complete the chart below to compare their differences.

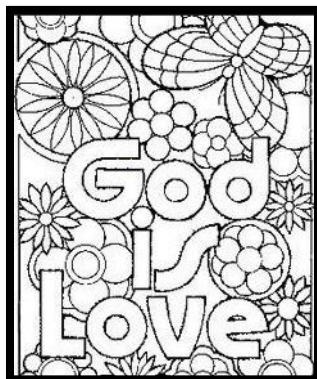
Attributes of Love	How God Defines LOVE	How Man/World Defines LOVE
Focus of Love		
Source of Love		
Characteristics of Love		
Handbook/Instructions on Love		

If we follow the world's definition of love, where will we end up on this continuum in relation to God?



Satan

God





True or False:

- If you really love someone, it is OK to break God's commandments on occasion.
- Satan is the great deceiver.
- The first schools were founded on the Bible to encourage literacy of God's Word for protection against Satan.
- Love comes from within us.
- Love is about what we receive from others.
- God's focus of love is on others, not self.
- Satan has deceived people by tainting the meaning of love.
- We can know God intimately and not love others.
- The very nature of God is faith.

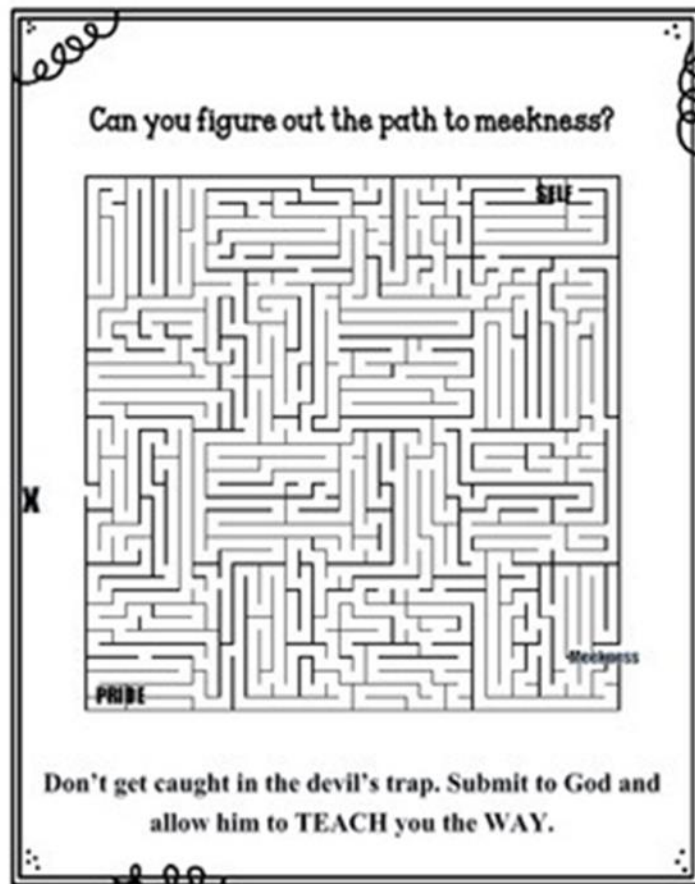




Fruits of the Spirit

God's nature is love. His love is detailed in the Fruits of the Spirit. Read Galatians 5:16-26. In each box, draw and describe how you can show 6 of those fruits this week as you relate to others.

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Read *Servant Leadership: Practical Meekness (CGG)*

What is meekness?

How did Christ show meekness?



More About Meekness

List 3 new things you learned about meekness from the passage.

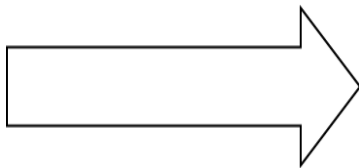
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List 5 ways you can show meekness to those around you.

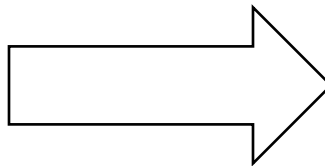
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2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



How can meekness make a difference in the outcome of a negative situation? Write an example of how meekness can make a difference. Place your example in or near each shape labeled below.



Situation



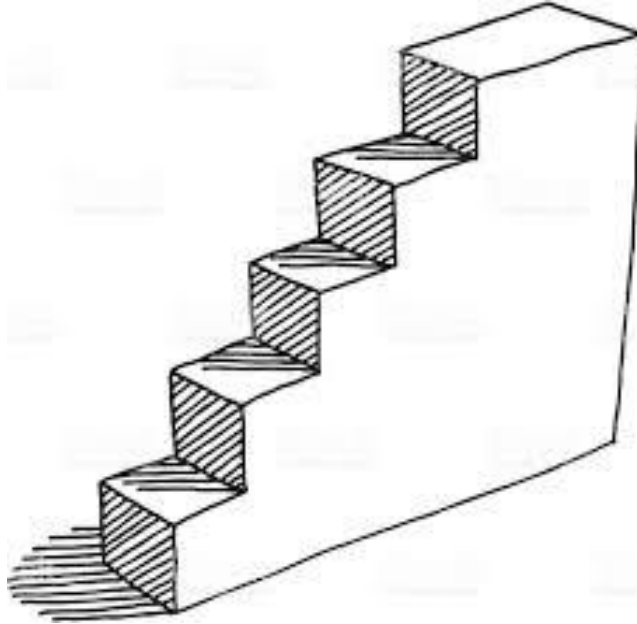
Meek Response



Outcome



What steps do you need to take to improve your dedication to God in showing His love and meekness? Place each step on one of the steps below showing how you can improve your attitude and actions toward God and others.



God's Instruction Manual

Reading and digesting God's Word is essential in knowing and imitating Him. How can you improve the time you spend in this book?
