

# DAY 1

## BECAUSE HE LOVES YOU

*For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. JOHN 3:16*

Let's pretend I was walking near the ocean with a good friend when all of a sudden a \$50 million yacht pulled up and docked right in front of us. This boat is bigger than 10 school buses parked in a straight line and is fully equipped with jet skis on the back, a giant pool in the middle and a helicopter perfectly placed at the front. Oh, and the pool has the largest waterslide in the world, and every room comes fully equipped with an ice cream machine – sprinkles included.

Now pretend my friend turns to me and says, "Brian, I bought you this yacht. It is all yours." Imagine I said back to him, "This is a very generous gift, but let me at least pay for half of it." This would be a ridiculous offer because I can't pay for half the boat – I simply don't have that much money in my piggy bank.

Sometimes we treat God like this. He gives us an amazing gift and we ask Him what we must do to pay for it or earn it. God has given us His presence and eternal life. One day, we will be with Him in Heaven forever. We can't pay for this gift. And there's nothing we could do to earn it.

So, why does God give us such a wonderful gift? The answer is found in John 3:16. God has given us the gift of His presence now and forever because He loves us. He loves you just as you are – stinking feet and all. It's really important to say yes to this promise. Saying yes means trusting what God has said. Hold your head up high today. God loves you so much and has given you a far better gift than a big boat. He has given you life with Him now and forever.



## TALK ABOUT IT

1. Have you ever received a gift that surprised you? How did it make you feel? How does this compare to the gifts we have received from God?
2. Share about a time when you felt loved. What happened? Why did you feel this way?
3. What can we learn from God about loving others? How can you show the love of God to others?



## TIME TO PRAY

“Lord, thank you for loving us so much. Even when we mess up and even when we stray from you, thank you for always being faithful with your love for us. The best thing we could do is to say in return, ‘Lord, we love you.’”



## SAY YES FAMILY CHALLENGE

On a piece of paper, write down three things you love about each person in your family. Spend time coloring and decorating the piece of paper and display it in a place you will see it every day as a reminder that you are loved.