#### Reacting to God's love, 1 John 4:11-12

I like you. Do you like me? 1 Yes D No

This is an exercise to help you memorize and take to heart a key Scripture about how to react to God's love.

First, let's just read the Scripture as is, 1 John 4:11-12 (NIV)... <sup>11</sup> Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

# Now let's take out a few words. Fill in the missing words as you read along.

Dear friends, since God so \_\_\_\_\_ us, we also ought to \_\_\_\_\_ one another. <sup>12</sup>
No one has ever seen God; but if we \_\_\_\_\_ one another, God lives in us and his \_\_\_\_\_ is made complete in us.

### Let's see how you did.

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## Good job. Now a few more blanks. Again, fill in the missing words as you read along.

<sup>11</sup> Dear friends, since \_\_\_\_\_\_ so \_\_\_\_\_ us, we also ought to \_\_\_\_\_\_ one \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>12</sup>
No one has ever seen \_\_\_\_\_; but if we \_\_\_\_\_\_ one another, \_\_\_\_\_ lives in us and \_\_\_\_\_\_ is made complete in us.

### Now see how you did.

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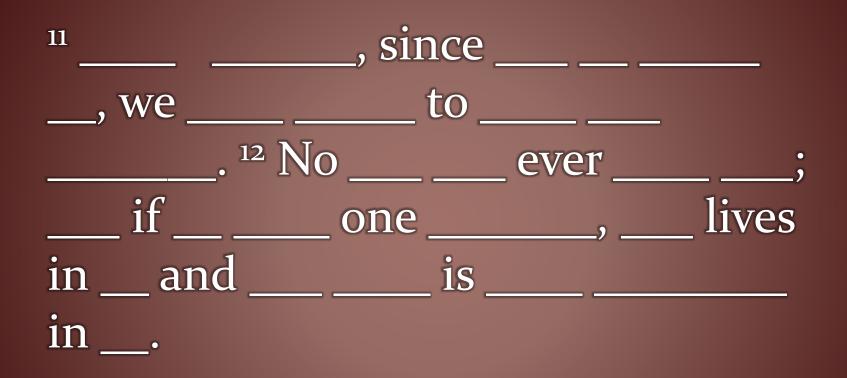
# Okay, a few *more* blanks. And by now you know the drill.

<sup>11</sup> Dear \_\_\_\_\_, since \_\_\_\_\_so \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_, we also ought to \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_. <sup>12</sup> No \_\_\_\_\_ has ever seen \_\_\_\_; but if we \_\_\_\_\_one \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_lives in us and \_\_\_\_\_\_is made complete in \_\_\_.

### Now see how you did.

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In the next slide, you'll see more blanks than words. But don't fear. You're doing great!

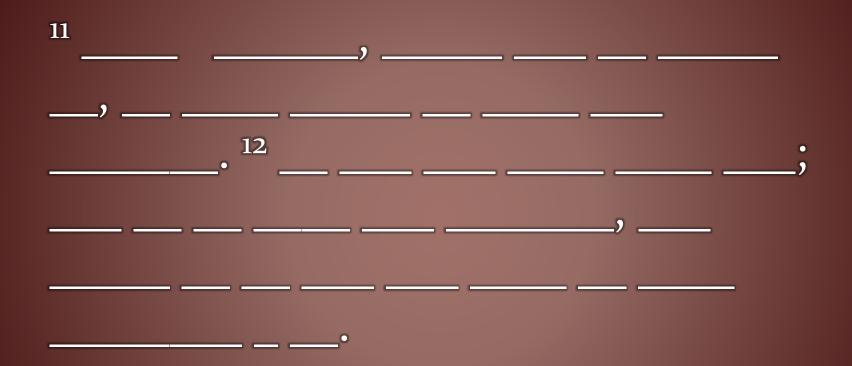


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### And now, the check.

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### One more time, with all blanks.



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### The final check, all together now:

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#### **Great job!**



Even if you don't think you did well, you get applause for a diligent try!

Of course the real payoff isn't the applause of a 1950s crowd crammed into a theatre and decked out in black and white. The real payoff for memorizing this (and other) Scripture is that it will begin to actually change you, and in this case, cause you to react to love with love.