

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

I like you.

Do you like me?

☐ Yes

☐ 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)...**

¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

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

¹¹ Dear friends, since God so _____ us,
we also ought to _____ one another. ¹²
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.

¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us,
we also ought to love one another. ¹²
No one has ever seen God; but if we
love one another, God lives in us and
his love is made complete in us.

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

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

Now see how you did.

¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us,
we also ought to love one another. ¹²
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love one another, God lives in us and
his love is made complete in us.

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

¹¹ Dear _____, since _____ so _____
_____, we also ought to _____
_____. ¹² No _____ has ever seen _____;
but if we _____ one _____, _____ lives
in us and _____ is made complete
in _____.

Now see how you did.

¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us,
we also ought to love one another. ¹²
No one has ever seen God; but if we
love one another, God lives in us and
his love is made complete in us.

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

¹¹ _____, since _____
_____, we _____ to _____
_____. ¹² No _____ ever _____;
_____ if _____ one _____, _____ lives
in _____ and _____ is _____
in _____.

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And now, the check.

¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us,
we also ought to love one another. ¹²
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love one another, God lives in us and
his love is made complete in us.

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.