

Ministry Guide

For the week of May 14, 2006

God's Love

"I love you as much as God loves me."

These words were spoken by my five-year-old son, Ian, the other night after he finished saying his bedtime prayers. I was overwhelmed with the fact that my young son, who is still in preschool, understood that God is love — and that he could share this love with me so easily.



Just as I was about to pat myself on the back for being such a great mother by successfully instilling the love of God in my son, I realized something very important. This had nothing to do with me ... and everything to do with God.

Sure, I'm his mother. I gave birth to him. I've nurtured him. But Ian is from God, not from me. When he uttered the words, "I love you as much as God loves me," he was giving me a gift — the gift of God's love. And it means more to me than any Mother's Day flowers or cards will ever mean because it cannot be manufactured, sold or wrapped up in a fancy package.

And what makes it even more special, is that the gift of God's love can be opened any time, any where and by anyone. You don't have to be a mother to give or receive God's love because it's there for all of us. All we have to do is accept it.

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of ministry.