GENESIS TO REVELATION | LETTER LESSON

Walking in Truth and Love

2 John 1:1-6



YOUR BIBLE READING

Truth and love belong together in the way believers live.

Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

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A Greeting in Truth and Love

2 John 1:1-6



Second John is a short letter. Its writer calls himself the elder and addresses the chosen lady and her children. We should begin with that address without inventing a house, a family meal, or a visit described nowhere in the passage. The greeting leads toward a lesson about truth and love shared among believers. It is a letter to read carefully, not a new adventure supplied to fill out the scene.

Readers understand the address in more than one way. Some understand a woman and her family; others understand the lady as a picture for a church and the children as its members. These opening verses do not require us to settle that question before learning from them. In either reading, the writer speaks with affection to people connected by faith and calls their attention to a shared way of living.

The elder says he loves them in truth, and that others who know the truth love them too. The relationship is therefore not based only on a private preference or the advantage someone can offer. It is connected with truth that remains among them and will continue with them. The letter puts love and truth side by side instead of treating truthful teaching as an excuse for coldness or affection as permission to mislead.

The greeting also names grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, in truth and love. These are gifts the readers are invited to receive, not awards attached to an invented contest. The opening gives the rest of the lesson its setting: people held together by God's generosity are called to keep living in the truth they have received and the love that belongs with it.

Remember: Let honest words and caring actions point in the same direction.

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Walking Means Putting Love into Practice



2 John 1:1-6

The elder says he has been very glad to find some of the addressees' children walking in truth, as the Father commanded. Walking is a picture for the direction of a life, not a report about a particular path through town. The writer is rejoicing in faithful conduct. The word some describes those he has encountered; it does not tell us a hidden story about everyone he has not mentioned or met.

He then makes a request: love one another. He explains that he is not writing a new commandment, but one they have had from the beginning. The instruction is familiar, yet it still needs to be practiced. Knowing an old lesson does not mean its work in daily life is finished. The letter returns to love because it remains central to how people receiving the message of Jesus should live together.

Love is described as walking according to God's commandments. Again, walking makes conduct visible. The instruction does not leave love as a word people can repeat while ignoring one another. It joins the command to love with the life that expresses it. The readers have heard this from the beginning and are urged to continue in it, letting the direction of their actions agree with the teaching they claim to receive.

Here is an ordinary example to help explain that connection, not an event from the letter. Someone might promise to tell the truth, then admit that they spilled a shared drink instead of blaming another child. A truthful admission can be joined with a loving attempt to help clean up safely. Truth and love are working together. The letter's brief instruction invites that kind of agreement between what is believed, spoken, and done.

Pause and think: How could you speak truthfully about a mistake while also treating the people involved with care?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Let Truth and Love Travel Together



Truth without care can become a way to hurt someone, while kindness without honesty can leave a problem hidden. Think of a time you need to tell someone about a mistake. You can describe what happened clearly, choose words that respect the person, and ask an adult for help with a fair repair. You do not have to choose between truth and dignity.

Walking is a useful picture because it suggests a continuing direction. One good choice does not finish a whole life of learning. You can return to a familiar lesson and ask how it fits a new situation. Perhaps sharing turns now means including someone younger, or honesty now means admitting uncertainty instead of guessing. Practice gives a familiar teaching a fresh place in the day.

This letter begins with people loved in truth. You do not need to solve every question about its address to hear its invitation. As you read with an adult, notice what is clear and what remains open. Then choose one suitable way to join truthful words with practical care. Learning patiently is itself a better response than pretending to know details the passage does not supply.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

Second John joins truth and love in a continuing way of life shaped by God's command to love one another.

How could you speak truthfully about a mistake while also treating the people involved with care?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. What familiar command does the elder repeat?

2. What does walking in truth describe here?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ He urges continued love expressed through God's commandments.
- ☐ The elder greets the addressees in truth, love, grace, mercy, and peace.
- ☐ He rejoices in conduct that follows the truth.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw a path with paired signs: honest words and caring actions.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

Let honest words and caring actions point in the same direction.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: 2 John 1:4-6

A thoughtful conversation

The chosen lady and her children may refer to a household or symbolically to a church community; do not present either interpretation as settled fact. The writer identifies himself as the elder. Explain walking as a picture for conduct. The statement about some children does not authorize inventing unfaithfulness or private events concerning people not described in the passage.

Activity answers

1. Love one another.
2. A continuing way of life whose conduct agrees with the truth received.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 3, 1, 2. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

God, help our words be truthful and our actions show patient care. Amen.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

Sources and sharing

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