This marking period students will be memorizing 1 John 4:7-16. Each week students will memorize and recite an additional verse until they can recite all verses. Also, each week you will need to write a short journal entry about that week’s verse (more information on the back of this page).

April 9
7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

April 17
8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

April 24
9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

May 1
10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

May 8
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.

May 15
13 This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

May 22
15 If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God.

May 29
16 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

June 5
Recite all verses. No journal due this week.
Journal Entries

Each week you will be required to write a short journal entry about the verse. Below are some ideas of what to write about. You can choose write about any or all of these ideas:

- Explain what you think the verse means in your own words.
- How does this verse apply to you and your life?
- Can you think of other Bible verses that go along with this passage? What are they? What do they say?
- Share how God is working in your life right now. What else is he teaching you? What do you want to improve on as a Christian? What are you struggling with?

Answer these questions if you have trouble thinking of things to write:

- **Apr. 9**: How would you explain what love is? How has God shown his love for you?
- **Apr. 17**: What does it mean to truly know God? Why should we love other people? How are you doing with showing love to others? How can you improve in this area?
- **Apr. 24**: Reflect on what God’s love means to you. How do you know god loves you? How does it make you feel to know that God loves you?
- **May 1**: Why do you love God? How do you show God that you love Him? How do you show God’s love to other people? What is an atoning sacrifice?
- **May 8**: Does this verse apply only to loving other Christians? What about non-Christians? What about enemies? How have you been doing with showing God’s love this week? Who do you need to do a better job of showing God’s love to? How can you do that?
- **May 15**: What/who is the Holy Spirit? Where does He live? How can the Holy Spirit help you to show love to others? How did you do with showing love to the person you wrote about last week?
- **May 22**: In order for God (Holy Spirit) to live in you what do you need to do? (Hint: what does acknowledge mean?) How did you do with showing God’s love to others this week? Share some examples.
- **May 29**: How do you rely on God’s love? Why should we love others? How do we love others? How did you do with showing God’s love this week? Share some examples.

Other Directions

- Journal entries are due when you come to class on the dates listed on the front of this page.
- Entries must be written in YOUR JOURNAL
- The journal entries will be worth 1/3 of your memory work grade.

Minimum Length Requirements

- **6th Grade**: 60 words
- **7th Grade**: 75 words
- **8th Grade**: 90 words