

God So Loved the World Decoder

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
O	W	S	G	D	K	I	Z	T	Q	M	P	J	F	E	R	V	B	X	A	C	U	L	N	H	Y

1. 2-25-1-15-17-15-16 _____
2. 2-1-16-23-5 _____
3. 4-1-5 _____
4. 18-15-23-7-15-17-15-3 _____
5. 4-20-17-15 _____
6. 23-7-14-15 _____
7. 3-1-24 _____
8. 15-9-15-16-24-20-23 _____
9. 23-1-17-15-5 _____
10. 12-15-16-7-3-25 _____
11. 1-24-23-26 _____

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS

God	gave	whoever	eternal
loved	only	believes	life
world	Son	perish	



WELCOME

Measuring God's Love

God's love is immeasurable.
John 3:14-21



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One of my favourite Bible verses begins, "For God so loved the world" (John 3:16). I was thinking about that verse and wondering just how great God's love is and how we could measure it. Can you think of several ways that we often use to measure stuff. I thought they might help us measure God's love.

Sometimes we measure ingredients. If you were making some cookies, what kind of measuring device would you use to make sure that you put in exactly the right amount of flour, sugar, and milk? That's right, we would use a measuring cup for cookies, but I wonder if we might use a measuring cup to measure God's love? The Bible says, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want....my cup runneth over" (Psalm 23:1,5). Well, if our cup runs over with God's love, I guess we couldn't use a measuring cup to measure it.

If you were building something, what would you use to measure the length, width, and height of different things? That's right, a tape measure, but I wonder if we might use a tape measure to measure God's love? The Bible tells us that God's love is higher than the heavens (Psalm 108:4). If God's love is higher than the heavens, I don't think we could use a tape measure to measure it, could we?

What would you use to measure time? That's right, we would use a watch or clock to measure time. There will probably be some people here this morning who will use their watches to measure how long the pastor's sermon lasts. I wonder if we could use a watch to measure how long God's love will last. The Bible tells us that God's love is from everlasting to everlasting (Psalm 103:17). Wow! If God's love is from everlasting to everlasting, I guess we couldn't measure it with a watch.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." How do you measure a love like that? We can't measure it. We don't need to, but we do need to experience it.

Dear God, we thank You for Your love—a love so great that You gave Your one and only Son so that we could have eternal life. In Jesus' name, amen.

For God so
loved the world...

John 3:16



For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son. God gave his Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost, but have eternal life.

John 3:16 ICB