

## What I Did for Love

One of the memorable songs from the musical, A Chorus Line, is “What I Did for Love.” In the show, it is sung when a dancer suffers a career-ending injury. The song expresses why the dancer loved his ability to dance, which is now taken away. The song tells the fallen dancer that there *is* a tomorrow. The song’s lyrics said to “point toward tomorrow” with a new hope. We have to imagine that God looks at His fallen world and may also be singing the words, “What I did for love.” He sent His son, Jesus, to point us towards tomorrow – what is to come, despite what our sinful nature has done to the world. God sent Jesus to us as an act of love – not just for the world as a whole, but for each of us. We are all participants in the sinfulness of this world.



As we continue in the Advent season, this week we light the candle for love. It is the final step before we celebrate the anniversary of Jesus' birth. Jesus was sent to earth to atone for our sins and to show us the way to eternal life. God knew the future – for Jesus and for us. He knew Jesus' fate some 33 years later. He knew some people will listen, and many will not. *Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God (John 1:12).* He knew that Jesus would eventually be put to death by those who resented and feared Jesus. He knew that mankind didn't know what they were doing, and He forgave them. He forgives us, too. God did it all as an act of love because it was the only possible path for eternal life. The gift of salvation gives both meaning and direction in life, pointing to heaven as the final destination. *For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him (John 3:17).*

The celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ is the beginning of a love story that culminates with the Easter love story. It all ties together. It also includes our need for a Savior in our everyday lives. We will face disappointments in our lives, as the Chorus Line dancer did. But, Jesus stands with us, pointing us to tomorrow. Someday, we will truly understand God more fully, and His words: “What I Did for Love.”



**The Bible Says:** *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).*

*Help me, LORD my God; save me according to your unfailing love. (Psalm 109:26).*

**Activity:** Look up five bible verses about God's love for us.

**Closing Prayer:** Father. This week, we celebrate the birth of Your Son, Jesus Christ. You sent Jesus to live among us, to show us how to live and how to love, and to die for our sins, so we can enjoy eternal life. We know that You did this as an expression of your love for us. Thank you, Lord. Amen.

### ***A Portion of the Song's Lyrics:***

*Love is never gone; As we travel on*

*Love's what we'll remember*

*Kiss today goodbye, And point me toward tomorrow*

*Point me toward tomorrow; We did what we had to do; Won't forget, can't regret*

*What I did for love, what I did for love*