

## Measuring God's Love

*Ephesians 3: 18-19 "may have power...to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge..."*

*Psalm 103: 11-12 "For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us."*

*Making use of the old Sunday school song "Wide Wide as the Ocean" as an introduction to JoJo the Parrot questioning exactly how wide/high/deep is God's love? It's VERY VERY!*

*Enter Michelle carrying JoJo the (puppet) Parrot, both wearing sailor hats. Derek stood to the side of stage, holding a tape measure.*

Michelle:     *(singing)* Wide, wide as the ocean  
                  High as the heavens above  
                  Deep, deep as the deepest sea  
                  Is my saviour's love  
                  I, though so unworthy  
                  Still am a child of his care  
                  For his word teaches me  
                  That his love reaches me everywhere  
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JoJo:           Squeak squeak

Michelle:     How wide? How wide is God's love? Ooh, I don't know. Let's ask Derek.  
                  Derek, how wide is God's love?

Derek:         Let's measure it and find out. Here JoJo, you hold the end of the tape  
                  measure, and I'll go to the other side of the ocean.

*Derek walks across stage reeling out tape measure, which has a big yellow heart on it.*

Derek:         It's very, very wide!

*JoJo is pulled across the stage by the tape measure reeling back in.*

JoJo:           Squeak squeak

Michelle:     How high? How high is God's love? *(pointing up step ladder)* Up you go  
                  Derek, let me know when you get to the heavens.

*Derek goes up step ladder, JoJo holding end of tape measure at foot of ladder.*

Derek:         It's very, very high!

*JoJo is pulled upwards by tape measure reeling in. Derek comes down ladder.*

JoJo: Squeak squeak

Michelle: How deep? How deep is God's love? Um... Derek, you stay there, and me and JoJo will run round to the front and take the end of the tape measure...

*Derek pulls tape measure out so that JoJo can reach it standing on the ground in front of the stage.*

Michelle: *(shouting up)* How deep is God's love?

Derek: *(shouting down)* It's very, very deep!

*JoJo is pulled upwards by tape measure reeling in.*

JoJo: Squeak squeak

Michelle: Very, very! That's right! God's love is very, very big. It's so big that wherever you go, God's love is there for you. And that's the end of our story.

*(if there are children in front of the stage, let them stroke JoJo and say hello)*

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