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### Read John 3:16-18, 36

- What are the 2 groups Jesus' is talking about? Label each column at the top of the paper with these two groups.
- Now read the Scripture again, and make a list of all the things that could be said about your first group.
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