

Love Is....

The Greatest of these is LOVE'

Give each child a blank piece of paper to hold on to. *(you will use it at the end for an object lesson)

Lessons from the Bible: 1 Corinthians 13

Our lesson today is found in 1 Corinthians 13. [verses 1-2] Paul is writing this letter to the Church at Corinth. Paul talks about love and it is a good reminder for us as every day. Paul begins by saying that if you do not have love, you are like a clanging cymbal!

Read: 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

" I may speak in different languages of men or even angels. But if I do not have love, then I am only a noisy bell or a ringing cymbal. ² I may have the gift of prophecy; I may understand all the secret things of God and all knowledge; and I may have faith so great that I can move mountains. But even with all these things, if I do not have love, then I am nothing. ³ I may give everything I have to feed the poor. And I may even give my body as an offering to be burned.^[a] But I gain nothing by doing these things if I do not have love."

- You know that a banging cymbal is Loud and annoying! And Paul says that isn't love. He said that it doesn't matter how wise you are... if you don't have love, then you don't have anything.

Let's read what Paul say Love Is.... And what it is NOT.

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-13 (use the lamented visual sheets).

You can hold them up to the kids and I have provided the verse and discussion on the back of each.

1 Corinthians 13:4-13

⁴ Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous, it does not brag, and it is not proud. ⁵ Love is not rude, is not selfish, and does not become angry easily. Love does not remember wrongs done against it. ⁶ Love takes no pleasure in evil, but rejoices over the truth. ⁷ Love patiently accepts all things. It always trusts, always hopes, and always continues strong.

⁸ Love never ends. There are gifts of prophecy, but they will be ended. There are gifts of speaking in different languages, but those gifts will end. There is the gift of knowledge, but it will be ended. ⁹ These things will end, because this knowledge and these prophecies we have are not complete. ¹⁰ But when perfection comes, the things that are not complete will end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child; I thought like a child; I made plans like a child. When I became a man, I stopped those childish ways. ¹² It is the same with us. Now we see as if we are looking into a dark mirror. But at that time, in the future, we shall see clearly. Now I know only a part. But at that time I will know fully, as God has known me. ¹³ So these three things continue forever: faith, hope and love. And the greatest of these is love."

Love is: Patient & Kind: Paul said even if he gave everything he has to feed the poor, there would not be a profit (an advantage or reward) without love. (vs. 3-4)

Paul is saying to share and give with the right heart and with love. He wants you to give freely and not resent what you are giving.

Love is NOT Jealous: Love does not envy, does not parade itself and is not puffed up. Love isn't jealous of what others have, and if you have things that others want, you shouldn't make your friends jealous because you have it

Love does NOT Boast: Love is not proud or big headed. That also means boasting or bragging. Accept what you have, what God has given you. Be happy, not "I want this and that".

Love is NOT Rude or Mean: Love does not behave rudely. Love is not impolite or mean. Love doesn't do things that we'll regret or be ashamed of later. [Discuss being mean](#). (vs. 5)

Love Does Care About Others: Love does not seek it's own. Love doesn't look out for their own interests or just themselves. That also includes grabbing things from people. Or interrupting when someone is talking. Love cares about other people's needs.

Love Does Control Temper: Love is not provoked. That means that Love doesn't become angry easily. Love is forgiving. Take time to let your temper cool down. Don't hold grudges.

Love thinks no evil. **Discuss anger and what angers the students and what they can do to control it.**

Love Thinks Good Thoughts: Does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth. Iniquity is sin, or doing sinful things that God doesn't like. And, just the opposite is to be happy to do what is right. (vs. 6)

Love Does bears all things. (Love accepts and protects.)

Love believes all things. (Love trusts)

Love hopes all things. (Love always has hope.)

Love never fails. (Love puts up with things and never gives up.) If you love someone or something, you never stop trying. Love is patient, willing to listen and take the time to pay attention. (vs. 7-8)

Now - Look at today's Bible verse 13. *There's faith, hope and love; Faith is believing in Jesus and knowing that He will do what's best for us.*

Hope is knowing that we will be with Jesus in Heaven.

And God is love! Love never ends.

We have faith in what Jesus taught us, and we know that if we do everything He commands, we will go to Heaven with Him.

Greatest is Love: BUT the greatest of these is love. Why? Finally, the Bible tells us that love keeps no record of wrongs.

You have a piece of paper in front of you. Pretend that this is a list you've been making of things that bother you about other people. Let's tear it up. Rip it to little pieces! Now there's nothing standing in the way of you loving others.

Love thinks good things, and if you are thinking good things, you will do good things.

Slow down and see if there's something you can do to help someone ... You show your love by how you act and treat others.

Bible Verse: And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. [1 Corinthians 13:13](#) (NKJV)

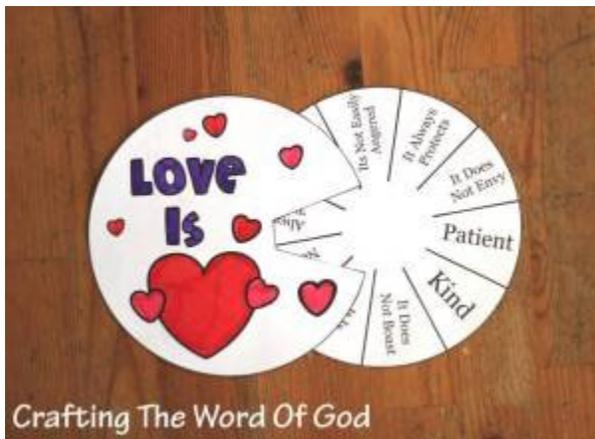
How do we know God Loves us?

Because: John 3:16 says: "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."

End in prayer.

Craft: Love Is: Wheel

Have the kids color both wheels. Cut them out and attach with paper fastener. Now they can turn wheel to memorize each verse.



Love Is Video:

https://youtu.be/DcQMGHUi6_k

Veggie Tales: Lettuce Love One Another

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_YJiSgUC3I

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Post it on our Facebook page or share it on GroupMe. Have a Blessed Day &
Week! Until we can meet again

~ *Teacher Chrissy*

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