

Three easy steps for an at-home experience!



BIG IDEA: Love

Jesus said that everyone will know that we are his disciples when they see our love for each other. But what does love look like? In today's lesson we will look at what love is from a famous passage in 1st Corinthians, sometimes called the Love Chapter. And as it states in 1st John 4:19, because God loves us, we love.



STEP ONE: READ THE BIBLE STORY

1 Corinthians 13 in the NIV Bible.
Not found in the Read With Me Bible.



STEP TWO: WATCH THE TEACHING VIDEO

Available at youtube.com/eastviewkids
Basic Training - Week 1



STEP THREE: CHOOSE AN ACTIVITY

FOR OLDER KIDS: Love Is and Is Not

Materials: Paper

Preparation: On one piece of paper, make two columns: Love Is and Love Is Not.

Cut 12 cards out of another piece of paper. Write one of these words on each card: patient, kind, bragging, jealous, humble, protective, selfish, angry, trusting, hopeful, forgiving, unconditional.

In our Bible story today, we learned what love IS and what love IS NOT. And we learned that love is the most important of all. In fact, we can do a lot of really good stuff, but if we don't have love in our hearts, none of it matters. So, let's take a close look at love.

Place the Love Is/Love Is Not sheet out for your family to see. Place the cards face-down next to the sheet. Give each family member a turn to pick a card and read it. They should decide if it goes in the LOVE IS column or the LOVE IS NOT column.

John 13:35 says, "If you love one another, everyone will know you are my disciples." We want others to know our family as a family who loves! And when they see our love, they will know it comes from Jesus!

Extra: You could make a game out of the activity. Place the description cards face-down and mix them up. Each family member picks a card and puts it in the correct column. The goal is to fill up the LOVE IS side first! But in the face of all this, Paul chose to rejoice! Do you think you could rejoice under such circumstances?

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FOR ALL KIDS: Carry the Love

Materials: Wax paper, paper hearts

Preparation: Set up an obstacle course that is age-appropriate for your family members. If you have a range of ages in your family, you could make the course more difficult for the older ones.

Lesson Introduction:

Today we are talking about love — what love is and what love is not! What are some things that love is? Patient, kind, forgiving, trusting, hopeful, never-failing. What are some things that love is not? Jealous, bragging, selfish, angry. The Bible tells us that love is the most important thing of all! When we show love to others, we show them Jesus!

Give each family member a paper heart and explain the activity.

Two family members will pair up. You will give them a piece of wax paper (you can use a plain sheet of paper if you don't have wax paper). They will place their two hearts on the wax paper, and each hold a side of the wax paper. Their challenge is to make it through the obstacle course without dropping either of their hearts!

After everyone has had a turn (or two), wrap up the discussion.

Was it easy to balance your hearts? What made it more difficult? There are things in our lives that can make it difficult to love others. Can you think of times it is hard to show love to someone? Can you think of a time when it is hard to be kind, or patient or not selfish? We all face those times! We will all mess up sometimes. But remember that Jesus loves YOU no matter what! And because he loves us, we can love others well!