

Together @ Home

January 30, 2022



Here are some activities you could do together as a family. Begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like in any order.

Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together God's most important gift.

You can find it in your Bible in

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Read the story together--choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your family.



A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you that you are a loving, gracious God. Thank you that your love is perfect, it never fails, and that nothing can separate us from your love.

We pray that our lives would be filled with the power of your love so we can make a difference in this world and bring honor to you. We ask for your help in reminding us that love is the greatest gift and that the most significant thing we can do in this life is simply to love you and to choose to love others.

Amen



Discussion

Questions for adults to ask children

Using the scripture passage, name at least one thing that love is and at least one thing that love is not. How could you show love in these ways?

According to 1 Corinthians 13, love is patient, kind, happy with the truth, always trusts, always hopes, always continues strong, and never ending. Love is not jealous, does not brag, is not proud, rude, selfish, or easily angered, does not remember wrongs done against it, and is not happy with evil.

A Question for children to ask adults

Can you remember a time when you found it difficult to show love? What did you do?

Questions to discuss together

Why do you think Paul said LOVE was the most important of all things?

What aspect of love do you find the most difficult to show and what might you do to help you get better at this?

In what ways do you think the world would be different if everyone acted through love?

Family Activity

Table Top Discussions:

Make a simple game by taking a paper plate or piece of paper with a circle drawn on it and marking it into sections.

Write the attributes of love mentioned in 1 Corinthians 13,

in each section patient, kind, not jealous, forgiving, etc. Then, take turns spinning a pen on the plate and use the following questions to discuss the attribute it lands on.

Where have you seen examples of this attribute today?
Have you shown this attribute today? How?
Is this attribute ever difficult to show? Why?



A verse to remember

1 Corinthians 13 v 13

**So these three things continue forever: faith, hope, and love.
And the greatest of these is love.**



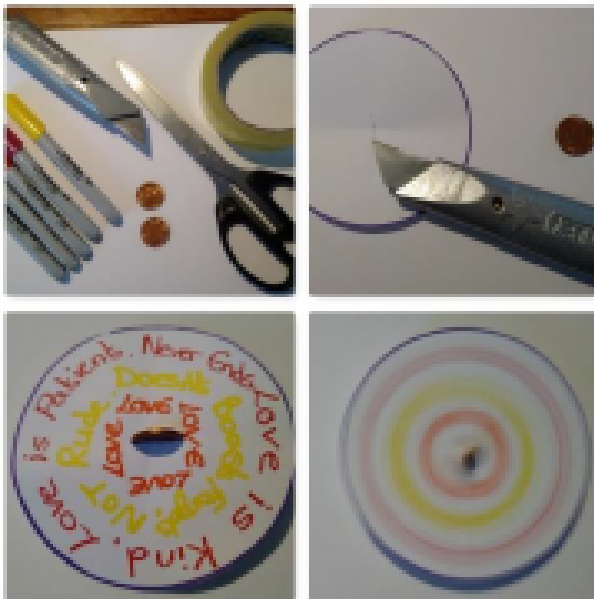
Why do you think showing love is so important to God?

The Bible says that God is love. How can we show God's love to others through our words and actions?

To learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate a copy and put it up somewhere you can see it during the week.

Active Prayer

Cut a circle out of thick, stiff plain paper, then cut a small slit in the center for a penny to fit in. Color the top of the paper with different colors or write some of the characteristics of love from 1 Corinthians 13 on the spinner in a spiral. Insert the penny and you are ready to spin.



Take a deep breath and relax, being still and quiet. Read 1 Corinthians 13 and consider how showing love can take hard work and effort. As you spin the spinner, watch how the pattern on the top changes and merges.

Ask God to fill you with God's love.

Ask God to help you make a difference in the lives of others by loving them.

Thank God for those who have loved you.

Celebrate that God's love changes people and situations.

Use this link for a fun way to see today's Bible story



Family Activity 2

What Time Is It? Game

This is a version of a playground game called "What Time is it, Mr. Wolf?" The aim is to have fun while thinking about how 1 Corinthians 13 challenges us by saying that while we might be good people (read our Bibles, memorize scripture verses, pray) and/or do good things, unless we truly love people, it's all pointless.

The game can be played with 2 people or more. One person stands with their back to the group (this is the teller), other players stand as far behind them as possible and ask "What time is it?" The teller shouts examples of good deeds (e.g. "It's time to give to the poor, it's time to help your mom, it's time to be kind, etc."). With each response, the group takes two steps closer. When the teller is ready, s/he answers with "It's time to LOVE," then the teller turns and tries to catch someone before they escape. Whoever gets caught gets a big love hug and becomes the new teller.



LOVE IS

1 Corinthians 13:13

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;
but the greatest of these is love.



Family Devotional



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Discover the hidden words.

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Word Bank

LOVE
JESUS
CHRIST
GLORIFY

CORINTH
SELFLESS
PATIENT
KINDNESS

CYMBAL
CHURCH
GIFT
GOD

