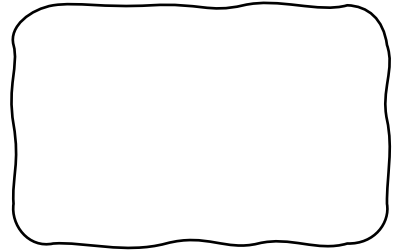




Together @ Home



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 Love.

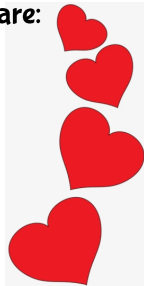
You can find it in your Bible in:

1 John 4 v7-21

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

The other passages we will be thinking about at church this week are:

Psalm 1
John 3:16
1 Corinthians
15:12-20



A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you that you love each one of us and want us to be part of your plans in the world.

Thank you for showing us what real love looks like through the life of Jesus and for proving your love to us through His death, which enables us to be with You forever.

Help us to follow Jesus' example and his command to love one another, and in so doing, may others see You and Your love be made complete in us.

Amen

Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

How did God show His love to us?

God showed His love for us by sending Jesus to live and die so that we might have a way to be with God and experience God's love forever..

The Bible says that anyone who loves God must also love others. What are some ways that you can show love to those around you?

A question for children to ask adults

What are your favorite ways to show and share love with others?

Family Activity 1

Supplies: Bible, Bowl, Candy

Valentine's Day is a day when we tell others how much we love and appreciate them. We might do this by sending our friends cards, giving people candy, or telling others how we feel about them. Let's see what the Bible says about expressing our love for others .

Place candy in bowl and sit around it. You will be reading 1 John 4:7-12. As you read, listen for the words "love" and "not." Every time you hear the word "love" in the passage, take one piece of candy from the bowl. Every time you hear the word "not," place one piece of candy back in the bowl. When you are finished reading, complete the activities.

1. Put one piece of candy in the bowl and tell about a time you needed God's love.
2. Eat one piece of candy and tell one way God has shown His love for you.
3. What do you think the verse tell us about love?





A verse to remember

1 John 4 v 19

We love because God first loved us.

To learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week.

Family Activity 2

Writing Love Letters: On Valentine's Day we focus on loving others. It's important that we express our love for others; that pleases God. Most important, we want to show our love for the One who loves us most-- God. Think of the many ways God shows love to you.



Now, let's create a Valentine's Day card for God to show God our love!

- Using paper, markers, and other items for decoration, create a Valentine's Day card for God.
- Write a message to God expressing your love.
- What are some ways you can show your love for God in the coming week?

How Can You Show Love?

Showing love is more than just saying "I love you" or giving a gift to someone.

Draw a line from each story to a way you can show love.

If this happens...

You are working puzzles with your little sister. She takes longer to finish than you do.

Your friend gets a new popular video game for his birthday.

Your mother asks you to put away your Legos and help her set the table.

Your brother asks to play with your action figure.

You can show love by...

Not being jealous of your friend

Not being selfish with your toys

Not being irritable to your mother

Being patient with your sister



John 3:16

for God so loved the world
that He gave His
only Son that
whoever believes
in Him
should not
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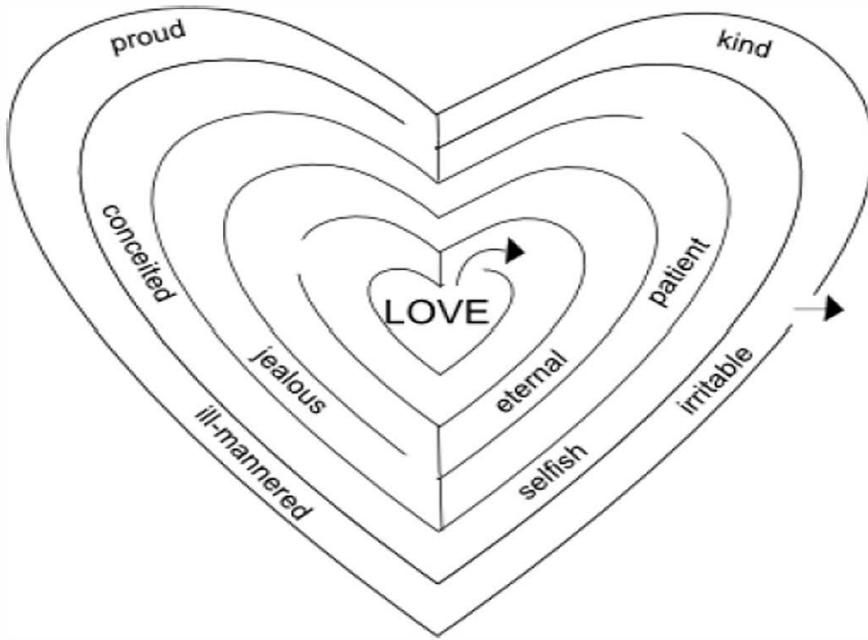
Bible Puzzle

Love Maze

1 Corinthians 13 is called the love chapter because its words describe how to show love to others. Some of these words are in this maze.

Draw a path through the maze from the center to the right side. **Some** of the words will be crossed out by the line you draw.

If a word is not crossed out, write it in the "LOVE IS" list.
 If a word is crossed out, write it in the "LOVE IS NOT" list.



LOVE IS

LOVE IS NOT

How will you show love in these ways?

Why Should We Love?



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