

Read the Word: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Disciple Your Family: Discuss godly love and encourage family members to choose to love the people around them with the love described in 1 Corinthians 13.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.

Key Truth: Without Love We Are Nothing (1 Corinthians 13:1-3)

APPLY: Let love be your motivation for doing good deeds and serving others.

- *Why is it important that our good deeds are motivated by love rather than self-interest? (Love led God to send His Son to save us; our motives matter to God; God knows our hearts; etc.)*
- *In what ways does our world put more emphasis on abilities than love?*

APPLY: Spiritual gifts and virtues are hollow and meaningless if not done in love.

- *What are some wrong motives for using our spiritual gifts and performing acts of service? (Pride; to impress others; desire for recognition; etc.)*
- *How can we make sure our motives are pure and led by love?*

Key Truth: Love Puts Others Ahead of Self (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

APPLY: Immature believers often display self-centeredness while godly love chooses what is best for others.

- *How is this kind of godly love different from the love often seen in our culture? (Godly love is a choice more than a feeling; we can show love to others even when they do not show love in return; etc.)*
- *Give examples of what godly love looks like in action. (Christ dying for us; showing kindness to someone who has not been kind to us; doing things the way others prefer rather than insisting on our own way; etc.)*

APPLY: Choose daily to demonstrate godly love for others.

- *How should we handle the tension of our "rights" versus looking out for the best interests of others?*
- *When do you find it most difficult to show love to others? How can you get past those barriers and show love anyway?*

Key Truth: Love Endures Forever (1 Corinthians 13:8-13)

APPLY: Love will last forever but spiritual gifts will come to an end.

APPLY: We will be complete in Heaven and will no longer need the assistance of spiritual gifts.

- *Why will spiritual gifts not be needed in Heaven? (Spiritual gifts are incomplete and will not be needed when we are made complete in Heaven.)*

APPLY: Focus on loving God and others.

- *How can we grow our love for God and for others? (Meditate on who God is and what He has done; see others from God's perspective and choose to act lovingly to them; etc.)*
- *How can we keep 1 Corinthians 13 at the front of our minds as we go about our daily business?*
- *Think of someone in your life who is difficult to love. What is one way you can show love to that person this week?*

Build a Foundation: Discussion questions for elementary students.

- In 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, which attitudes show love, and which do not?
- Why should we speak and do things with love?
- What is the difference between godly love and the love the world offers?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: **1 Corinthians 13:13**



Discuss This Week's Building Block:

All Scripture is from God, given by inspiration to human writers (2 Timothy 3:16).

Everyday Extras:

Ask family members to share about a time when they were chosen for something special, recognized for something they did, or received an achievement. Suggestions include being the student of the week, being the line leader in school, receiving an award, praised for making right choices, etc. Talk about how he or she felt (proud, embarrassed, excited, etc.). God chose Mary for a special job, and she did it well. We can serve God well with whatever He chooses for us to do.

Preschool Highlights:

Today your child learned Jesus told a story to a man who wanted to know who his neighbor was. A neighbor is someone we meet and know. In Jesus' story, a man was traveling to Jericho when some bad men stole his things and beat him up. They were not good neighbors to the man. Jesus wants us to love our neighbors.

We Should Love One Another.