

## Lesson 3: Love



Time allotted: 1 hour

**Supplies:** Copies of page 4 and pencils for each child. You will need 16 pieces of sticky notes for the activity

**Warm Up:** Love is...?

*Allotted time 15 minutes.*

Have the children complete page 4. The Teacher Answer sheet is on page 3 of this lesson. This part of the lesson is designed so that if you have students that arrive at different times you have an activity to keep the students busy and prepare them for the lesson. If you have students that get done early have them turn the paper over and draw a picture of something that reminds them of God's Love. Older children can use the concordance in the Bible to find other verses that relate to love. You could have a contest to see who can find the most.

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*Allotted time 20 minutes.*

Read out loud or have a child read: **1 Corinthians 13. It is good practice to have the children look up the scriptures.** You can remind them that 1 Corinthians can be found in the back part of the Bible. Ask the children if they have heard any of these verses before? Most likely they have, it is a very popular part of the Bible. Tell them that these verses are often read at weddings. Ask the children how God has shown us that he loves us. Read **John 3: 16.** Tell the children it's obvious that God loves us. How can we show God that we love him as well. On a piece of paper, chalkboard, or dry erase board write all the ways the children tell you that we can show God we love him. Write down a few of your own as well. Ask the children to make a commitment that this week they will show God's Love to at least one person everyday.

**Snack / Prayer:**

*(Allotted time 10 minutes.)*

*Ask a child to bless the food.* This is an "emergency lesson plan" so most likely you do not have time to "make" something. Easy snack ideas are vanilla wafers or cheese crackers. Water works well or provide a flavored drink.

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**Activity:** Belief

*(Allotted time 10 minutes.)*

Write the words to 1 Corinthians 13: 13 on separate pieces of sticky notes.

“And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.” NIV

You will have 16 pieces of sticky notes. Put them up on a wall, chalkboard, or dry erase board. Have the students repeat the verse out loud 3 times. Then take one or two of the sticky notes away. Have them repeat the scripture again. Then repeat taking 1 or 2 more sticky notes away. Have them repeat the scripture again, filling in the words from the missing sticky notes. Continue to do this until all the sticky notes are gone and the students can repeat the scripture without using them.

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### *Teacher Answer Sheet*

*Use your Bible to fill in the missing blanks. 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8*

“ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trust, always hopes, always perserves. Love never fails...” NIV

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