

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12, 2023



The Steadfast LOVE OF THE LORD

PREPARE 



BEFORE YOU BEGIN

TALK TOGETHER

HOW DO YOU SHOW LOVE TO OTHER PEOPLE? DO YOU DRAW THEM FUN PICTURES OR WRITE THEM A NICE NOTE? MAYBE YOU SPEND TIME WITH THEM, HELP THEM DO SOMETHING OR TELL THEM YOU LOVE THEM WITH YOUR WORDS?

During Jesus' time on Earth, He taught His disciples to love one another. But Jesus didn't just talk about love; He showed it! Think about the great love He had for us when He died for our sins and ended the separation between us and God! That's amazing love!

The disciples had many opportunities to show God's love to others, and so do you! Love may be hard to describe; but throughout the Bible, God teaches us all about love! **Can you help me find 1 Corinthians chapter 13, verses 1-8?**



TALK TOGETHER
Family conversations with God's Word.



MORE TO EXPLORE
Discover how this conversation fits into God's Big Story.



THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET
Post it on the fridge. Use it all week.



COLORING PAGE
Keep little hands busy before, during and after your family conversation.



IF I SPEAK IN THE TONGUES OF MEN AND OF ANGELS, BUT HAVE NOT LOVE, I AM A NOISY GONG OR A CLANGING CYMBAL. AND IF I HAVE PROPHETIC POWERS, AND UNDERSTAND ALL MYSTERIES AND ALL KNOWLEDGE, AND IF I HAVE ALL FAITH, SO AS TO REMOVE MOUNTAINS, BUT HAVE NOT LOVE, I AM NOTHING. IF I GIVE AWAY ALL I HAVE, AND IF I DELIVER UP MY BODY TO BE BURNED, BUT HAVE NOT LOVE, I GAIN NOTHING.

LOVE IS PATIENT AND KIND; LOVE DOES NOT ENVY OR BOAST; IT IS NOT ARROGANT OR RUDE. IT DOES NOT INSIST ON ITS OWN WAY; IT IS NOT IRRITABLE OR RESENTFUL; IT DOES NOT REJOICE AT WRONGDOING, BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH. LOVE BEARS ALL THINGS, BELIEVES ALL THINGS, HOPES ALL THINGS, ENDURES ALL THINGS.

LOVE NEVER ENDS. AS FOR PROPHECIES, THEY WILL PASS AWAY; AS FOR TONGUES, THEY WILL CEASE; AS FOR KNOWLEDGE, IT WILL PASS AWAY.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-8

Did you notice all the ways Paul describes love? He tells us love is patient, kind and rejoices with the truth. It bears all things (protects), believes all things, hopes all things and endures all things (doesn't give up).

God also tells us what love does not do. Love **does not** envy, boast, be arrogant, rude or insist on its own way. Love is not irritable, resentful or something that rejoices in wrongdoing. Love does not end.

God has loved us so much and wants us to show His love to others! This week, look for someone you can show God's love to!



GOD'S BIG STORY

CREATION



EVERYTHING
GOD CREATED
WAS GOOD.

FALL



ADAM & EVE SINNED,
AND SIN PASSED TO
ALL PEOPLE, EVEN
YOU AND ME.

REDEMPTION



THOUGH ALL OF
US ARE SINNERS,
CHRIST DIED
FOR US.

RESTORATION



JESUS WILL
COME AGAIN.

FIND IT IN THE BIBLE: 1 CORINTHIANS

1 Corinthians is an epistle, or letter. The book was written by the missionary Paul. This letter encourages the Corinthian church to live for Christ. It also contains the famous chapter about love.

CAN I SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH PEOPLE I DON'T KNOW?

Yes! Remember how in this week's verse Jesus commanded His followers to love one another? When we do that, we show everyone around us the love of Christ is working inside us. You can also look for opportunities to help people in need.* This can be as simple as holding the door open for someone who has their hands full.

*Remember, don't approach strangers without an adult you know and trust present.

OT-NT CONNECTION

In the Old Testament, followers of God showed God's love to each other too. Christ had not come to Earth yet, but God instructed His people to love their neighbors.

Let's read about it in Leviticus 19:17-18.

- How were God's people instructed to love their neighbors?
- How can you show a friend or family member God's love today?

JOURNAL

Write down several ways you can show Christ's love to people around you. Now, put those thoughts into action! Here is one idea: Pick a favorite cookie recipe and think of a friend you could show Christ's love too. Bake them some cookies and surprise them!

WHAT ARE SOME PRACTICAL WAYS I CAN SHOW PEOPLE LOVE?

Everyday, opportunities come up where we can show people God's love. Here are a few examples: Help your mom or dad load the dishwasher without being asked. Ask a friend who is having a hard day if you can pray with them to encourage them. Share the story of how Christ loved us so much He died and rose from the grave to save us from our sins. There are many more ways to share God's love with others. What ideas can you think of?

READ



Take a moment and finish reading 1 Corinthians 13. Now look up what the Greek word for love is that is used in this passage. What does it mean?

★ THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

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♥ MEMORIZE

**"A NEW
COMMANDMENT
I GIVE TO YOU,
THAT YOU LOVE
ONE ANOTHER:
JUST AS I HAVE
LOVED YOU,
YOU ALSO ARE
TO LOVE ONE
ANOTHER."**

JOHN 13:34

**Q: HOW DO I SHOW
LOVE TO OTHERS?**

**A: LOVE THEM AS
CHRIST LOVES ME.**

FIND

This week's story is found in the book of 1 Corinthians. Help your child find the book of 1 Corinthians. Is this book in the Old or New Testament? How many chapters are there?

SHARE

Tell your kids about a time you shared the love of God with someone in your life? How did you show them God's love? What was their response?

WATCH



Help your child learn their verse by watching this week's Memory Melody video!

PRAY

**DEAR GOD, PLEASE HELP
US LIVE FOR YOUR GLORY.
HELP US SEE
OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE
YOUR LOVE WITH THE
PEOPLE AROUND US AND
GIVE US THE STRENGTH
TO LOVE OTHERS, EVEN
WHEN IT'S HARD.**

DECORATE

Help your child decorate heart-shaped cookies to share with the neighbor next door. Tell them one thing you appreciate about having them as neighbors.

VOLUNTEER

Do you know someone elderly who could use your help? Encourage your child to sacrifice an hour of their free time by volunteering to help someone with yard work or housecleaning in order to share God's love with them.

MAKE

Send someone a card! Help your child pull out some materials such as paper, crayons or markers, stencils and glue and glitter. Help them fold the card in half and then let them decorate it.

Inside the card, write "Jesus loves you and so do I! Have a great day!" or a different phrase of your choosing. Mail it to a person in need of encouragement.

SING



Listen to this playlist throughout the series to celebrate The Steadfast Love of the Lord!

**SCAN HERE TO LISTEN
WHEREVER YOU ARE!**



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JOHN 13:34

HOW DO I SHOW LOVE TO OTHERS?

LOVE THEM AS CHRIST LOVES ME.

NAME: _____