

# D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **January 23, 2022** Family Theme | **The Standard of Love** Study Text | **1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

**Objective:** Family members choose to demonstrate love in their attitudes and actions toward God and others.

**How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible:** In this part of 1 Corinthians, written by Paul around AD 55, Paul instructed the Corinthian believers about the nature and importance of love.

**Bible Basics:** Review the names and order of the first 12 books of the New Testament this week and work with family members to do so as well.

**Read the Word:** 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

## Disciple Your Kids

Help your children and grandchildren understand that love is choosing to act in loving ways to those around us, demonstrating the characteristics of love found in 1 Corinthians 13.



**Key Truth: Love Is to Be Valued More Than All Other Gifts, Abilities, and Virtues (1 Corinthians 13:1-3)**

Paul transitioned to the most excellent virtue the Corinthian believers should have sought: love. If they did not exhibit love, then all of their spiritual gifts and virtues were hollow and meaningless. Performing them without the compass of love would gain nothing. Love should be the primary motivation for how we treat others and for using our spiritual gifts.



**Key Truth: Love Acts in the Best Interests of Others (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)**

Beginning in verse 4, Paul described the ingredients of love and made it very personal. In fact, these attributes are richly relational and focus on the well-being of others. Love is patient and kind. It does not envy or boast. Love is not arrogant or rude. It is not selfish, irritable, or resentful. Love does not delight in what is evil, but instead takes joy in the truth. Love also endures difficulties or difficult people. It trusts, giving others the benefit of a doubt. Love sees the bright side of things and endures in the midst of hardship and persecution. When this type of love is exhibited, it reflects the love of Christ, positively affects the body, and gives a positive portrayal of the church to an unbelieving world.



**Key Truth: Love Lasts Forever While Spiritual Gifts are Temporary (1 Corinthians 13:8-13)**

Paul declared that this Christlike, self-sacrificing love is eternal and will last forever. Spiritual gifts, however, will come to an end. When we are complete in Heaven, the very gifts the Corinthians were fighting about will become obsolete. They will no longer be necessary. Love, on the other hand, will always be necessary and is a true sign of a follower of Christ. In summary, the three things we have now that will remain throughout eternity are faith, hope, and love. Of these three, however, love is the greatest as it is both eternal and reflective of the nature of God.

# Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with your kids this week.

- How would you define the word *love*?
- How is love described in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8?
- Is biblical love more an emotion or a choice to do what is best for others? Explain.
- How is biblical love focused on the well-being of others?
- What are some practical ways we can demonstrate our love for others?
- In what ways can you demonstrate love to the people around you this week?
- **For Elementary:** How is the love described in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 different from the world's definition of love?
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## Everyday Extras

With Valentine's Day coming soon, challenge your children to make "conversation hearts" out of the description of love in 1 Corinthians 13. Have them write the short phrases on construction paper hearts and then glue a new cover on a small box (like a raisin box) for a very special Valentine. (This would be perfect to send to grandparents!) Have every member of the family try substituting his or her name for the word charity or love in verses 4-7. How true are these verses about you, as individuals and as a family? This is the standard for the right way to love — not what today's culture tells us!

## Preschool Highlights for SQUARE 1 & ROUND 2

Today your child learned to follow Jesus' example of forgiving others. He or she heard the story of how Jesus forgave the thief on the cross who was sorry for his wrong choices. Jesus forgives our wrong choices when we ask Him to. We can learn to forgive others just like He forgives us. **I Can Be More Like Jesus** and be forgiving.