

Family Worship at Home. January 30th, 2022

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

The Greatest Is Love

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Our message for today is from one of the best known chapters of the Bible – I Corinthians 13. It is the chapter that is often read at weddings and it teaches us about love. That is a big idea!

I think one of the ways we learn about love is by receiving it from others. Would you be willing to share a story or tell of a time when something happened that made you feel especially loved?

I'll begin. When I was a little girl, and it was a particularly cold morning, my mother warmed my clothes by the stove before I put them on. All these years later I remember and still feel that love.

There are many ways others show their love for us. Parents do things every day that are acts of love – things that keep us warm and safe. Teachers, friends, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles all have different ways of showing their love. Let's share some of those things now. (It might be helpful to list what the children volunteer on a poster or blackboard.) Love is often shown to us through the things people do.

The Bible reminds us that if we speak or act without love it is like “sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal” (13:1). (Demonstrate this if you have access to a percussion instrument and are brave!)

When love is present, we know it and feel it. It is like listening to a lovely orchestra where all the musical instruments fit together and make music that causes our hearts to sing.

Today's lesson also says: “But now faith, hope, and love remain—these three. The greatest of these is love” (13:13). This verse teaches us that our faith in God and our hope for the future stay with us and the greatest gift that is with us always, is love.

Scripture quotations from the World English Bible

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Songs: [Love Will Never End | Preschool Worship Song - YouTube](#)

[Love Will Never Fail | Elementary Worship Song - YouTube](#)

[Love One Another - YouTube](#)

Activity: Musical Hearts: Cut a large heart from red poster board. The ideal paper heart for this game is large enough to be held with both hands. In big letters, write John 3:16 on one side of the heart, and write the verse out on the other side. This way, kids will see the verse and John 3:16 as the heart is passed around. Like musical chairs, the group stands in a circle, only facing one another. Once the music begins, the heart is passed, with both hands to the person to the right who accepts it with both hands. The heart continues around the circle stopping when the music stops. When the music stops the person to the left of the one holding the heart is out. Continue to play this game until you have one person left. As the music stops the person holding the heart can say the verse.

Hide the Hearts: Cut out 10 or more paper hearts, at least 3-inches wide before the class. It's good to have one or two hearts per child or family member. Hide them around the home. Throughout the day or story time or movie, (or whatever activity you want) stop and send a child to search for a heart. You can give clues by saying "You're hot," when the child is close to a heart or "You're cold," when a child is far away from one. Place a verse of scripture on each heart to make them a special. Another good idea is to put one word on each heart, kind of like a puzzle. When all the hearts are found, the family can assemble them together to read the message.