



FOOTHILLS  
KIDS

JULY 11th  
Home Connection

LOVE IS

1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13

## GOAL

To teach children that, while God gives us many wonderful and powerful gifts to help us share our faith and the Word of God, the greatest gift is love. If we use the gifts God has given us, but we don't use them with love, our actions are meaningless.

## HEART PREP

God gives us gifts that will help us through life and to help advance the kingdom of God by sharing the story of Jesus' ultimate act of love and sacrifice to save us from our sins. Spreading this good news is obeying Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations. The goal of this commandment isn't so God will have the most followers, but so that His love will be spread to every corner of the Earth and that every person will experience His love. God gives us spiritual gifts out of love so that we can share His love. Using these gifts without love makes our actions meaningless. With love we can hope to accomplish the following:

- **Unity:** People we've never met, people from different countries, and even people who speak different languages are our brothers and sisters because we share something that forms the foundations of our lives; Jesus and His love.
- **Purpose:** God created us to serve a specific purpose. He gave us specific, spiritual gifts to help us accomplish that purpose. When we use these gifts, we glorify God, help others to come to know Jesus and fulfill the goal God has for our lives.
- **Transformation:** The more we love, the closer we get to becoming the people God created us to be. Learning to love everyone, even those who are not nice to us, is what Jesus commanded us to do.

All disciples are Christians, but not all Christians are disciples.

Being a disciple is a big commitment that requires us to give our undivided attention to God.

The goals of discipleship are to mature in our faith, become more like Jesus,  
and create new disciples of Christ.

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GETHER

*Consider the ages of your kids and adapt the reading, questions and activities accordingly.  
Make this time together less classroom and more conversational; throughout the week and in a way that fits in with your family activity.*

## READ & LISTEN 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13

### ASK & THINK

1. What were the people in the church in Corinth arguing about?
2. People gifted in speaking the truth of God help to do what?
3. What can people gifted with spiritual understanding of God do?
4. What does a person gain by giving everything away without love?
5. The descriptions of what love is, also describe who?
6. On Earth we only have part of the picture. What will we have in Heaven?
7. Of all the gifts that God gives us, which is eternal?

### PRAY

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You so much for blessing us with amazing spiritual gifts. Help us to use them in love as we seek to tell everyone we know about how wonderful You are. We ask these things in Jesus' name, Amen

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#### 1 Corinthians 13:13

**So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.**

God gives us different spiritual gifts, but we are all given faith, hope, and love. These universal gifts are eternal, unlike the spiritual gifts that will be of use only while we are here on Earth. Of these common gifts, love is the greatest.

#### Romans 13:10

**Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is fulfilling the law.**

*Jesus commanded us to love each other as He loves us. Love in our hearts from our faith in God helps us to fulfill the law of loving others as Jesus commanded.*