

Lesson 4: Love One Another

Ages 10-13

Goals

Students will understand how to love one another by exploring biblical teachings and practical ways to apply this principle in their daily lives.

Welcome Time

- Greet students as they arrive.
 - Provide name tags or stickers to foster a sense of belonging.
 - Encourage students to share one kind thing they've done for someone else recently.
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Worship/Prayer Time: [click here](#)

- Sing songs that emphasize love and kindness, such as:
 - "Jesus Loves Me""Love One Another"
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Lesson

Opening Activities

- **Icebreaker:** Play "Love Charades," where students act out ways to show love without speaking.
- **Discussion Starter:** Ask, "What does love mean to you?" and write their responses on the board.

Memory Verse

- Matthew 22:39: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Bible Story

- **Text:** 1 John 3:10-18
- **Reading:** Read the passage aloud, emphasizing key themes like love in action and selflessness.
- **Visual Aid:** Show a video that reinforces the story (e.g., <https://youtu.be/UyV8rlGMMgw?si=pCU0BNn1g9ICqNHI>).

Discussion Questions

1. How are children of God known?
2. What is the greatest commandment that we received from the beginning?
3. How were Samaritans ranked in society at that time?
4. What signifies that we have passed from death to life?
5. Describe murderers according to this text. What's the eternal reward for murderers?
6. Describe Jesus' kind of love that we should imitate.
7. What should we do if we have extra items in our possessions?
8. What kind of love should we show?

Gospel Point

- Love is action, not just words. Jesus' love is sacrificial and selfless, and we're called to emulate that love.
 - Encourage reflection on how students can practice love this week.
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Activity

- **Activity:** Create a "Kindness Chain" where each student writes one loving act on a strip of paper. Link them to form a chain representing collective love.
- **Visual Aid:** Use a poster or slideshow showing real-life examples of people demonstrating love (e.g., helping the homeless, comforting a friend).

Craft

- **Heart Collage:** Provide colored paper, scissors, glue, and markers for students to create a collage of hearts, each labeled with ways to show love.
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Gospel Points

1. **God is Love:** God's nature is love, and He created us to live in that love.
2. **Jesus Demonstrates Perfect Love:** Jesus' sacrificial love on the cross shows us how to love selflessly.
3. **Love is an Action:** True love is not just words but actions that reflect kindness, generosity, and care for others.
4. **We Reflect God's Love:** By loving others, we reflect God's character and share His light with the world.

Closing Prayer [click here](#)

Thank God for His love and ask for His guidance to love others selflessly.

Snack Time

Serve snacks (e.g., heart-shaped cookies) that tie into the theme of love. Discuss how sharing food is an act of kindness.

Take-Home Activities [Click here](#)