

UNIT 5: THE PROMISE OF GUIDANCE

LESSON 22 ~ AT A GLANCE

AGES 8-11

LETTERS ABOUT LOVE

LESSON AIM: TO KNOW WHAT TRUE LOVE IS AS EXPLAINED IN THE LETTERS IN THE BIBLE.

PRESET

- Getting Started—Four buckets, four cups, marbles & paper in four coordinating colors, scissors, floor tape or chalk, timer
- Scripture Reading—Matthew 22:37-39
- *Bible Memory Verse Song—“Yahweh: Love the Lord Your God” and other related music
- *Worship Illustration or Storybook Lesson 22
- Golden Bowl—pencils & note cards
- Bibles, highlighters
- Mailbag—see front page of Teacher’s Guide for details
- *Daily Way Lesson 22
- Treasure Treat—*Today’s New Testament Postcard with a stamp or sticker of a heart

*Available for download at www.childrensministrywarehouse.net.

NOTES

5. GOT TIME?

SNACK: HEART-SHAPED SNACK

GAME: HOW DO YOU LOVE?

CRAFT: CARE PACKAGE—BASKETS OF LOVE

DISCUSSION: GOT TIME? LETTER—1 PETER 4:8-11

GAME: “NEW TESTAMENT OVERTURE” BOOKS ON A LINE

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: LOVE ALL AROUND, RACE TO REPEAT

1. THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: “Who is one person you love?”

GETTING STARTED: SHARE YOUR HEART RELAY

2. THE WORSHIP THE SPIRIT WHO TEACHES US

Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:37-39

Bless and collect the offering. Sing songs and worship God.

Perform Worship Illustration or read Storybook.

3. THE WORD PAUL AND JOHN WROTE LETTERS ABOUT LOVE

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Paul spoke boldly about Jesus while he was under house arrest.

Mailbag: 1 Corinthians 13:1-7, 1 John 4:11-12

Find It First! Highlight Key Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. Pray.

4. THE WAY PEN PAL LETTER: WE CAN LOVE OTHERS

WITH THE LOVE PAUL DESCRIBED

> Today’s letters are about love. In 1 Corinthians, 13:1-7, Paul explained what real love is. In 1 John 4:11-12, John explained why love is so important.

? Have you ever wanted to see God? Me too! We can’t see God completely until we get to heaven, but when we love each other, we can see God’s love.

(Do activity using 15 hearts with words about love from 1 Corinthians 13:1-7.)

> Let’s vote which heart describes the hardest way for you to show love. (Children raise their hands to show the ways of loving they find to be the most difficult.) **God is perfect in all 15 ways of loving you!**

CHRIST CONNECTION> Deuteronomy 6:5. Find It First!

> None of us are perfect at loving others. Years before Paul and John wrote the letters about love, Moses explained God’s commandment about love. Let’s check it out. (Read Deuteronomy 6:5.)

THE GOLDEN BOWL> Pray for individual names and the Lord’s Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES>

- TREASURE TREAT: New Testament Postcard about love with a stamp or sticker of a heart
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: One way to show God’s love to others
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG AND “NEW TESTAMENT OVERTURE”

