



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12  
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts – Revelation  
Unit 5, Lesson 22

## Letters About Love

Lesson Aim: To learn ways to develop strong, godly love toward others.

### THE WELCOME

**MEET & GREET:** Who is one person you love?

**GAME:** Share Your Heart Relay

### THE WORSHIP THE SPIRIT WHO GUIDES US

Read Worship Scripture: Matthew 22:37-39.

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

Perform the Mail Call script or read storybook.

### THE WORD LETTERS ABOUT LOVE

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

Review: God called Paul to boldly teach Jews and Gentiles about Jesus.

**Paul was bold in his letter writing as well. He wrote to the churches he started during his travels. His first letter to the Corinthians taught them about the deepest, strongest kind of love—the love of Jesus. Point to ancient city of Corinth, Greece. This letter is found in the New Testament, along with 22 other letters written by Luke, Paul, Peter, James, John, and others. This mailbag reminds us that in Bible times believers traveled long distances to share letters written by these men. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference:**

1 Corinthians 13:1-7; 1 John 4:11-12; 1 Peter 4:8-11. Find It First. Highlight Key Verses: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. Pray. Read.

### THE WAY PERFECT LOVE

**John wrote about how loving each other can help us see God. What do you think God looks like? We can't see God completely until we get to heaven, but John shows us that when we love each other, we can see God's love. Have you ever felt God's love for you in the way a family member or friend showed their love to you?**

**In Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, what four behaviors or abilities are mentioned as good but not as important to God as love? (1 Corinthians 13:1-3.) Paul describes perfect love in 15 ways. Remove paper hearts from mailbag. Each child chooses a heart. Each heart describes something about love. Read the words of Paul on your**

**paper heart. Think about a time when you gave or received that type of love. For example, if your heart says, "Love is patient," you might remember showing love by being patient when you taught your little brother how to ride his bike or a time when someone was patient with you while you learned something new. Children share.**

**Which of these 15 hearts might be used to describe you? Which of these hearts describes something that is often difficult for you? Remember, God is perfect in all 15 ways of loving you! God's love is the perfect kind of love listed on the paper hearts. Read each heart and discuss how each attribute of God's love can be a comfort to us.**

**According to 1 John 4:11, why is it important for us to love others?**

**What do you think Peter means by "love covers over a multitude of sins"? Love helps us forgive. Love covers sin in the same way that a loving hug helps us forgive one another.**

**What are some ways Peter tells us to love others? (Share without grumbling, use our gifts to serve others, speak carefully as if speaking God's words, serve others in the strength God gives you, give God the credit for everything.) What are some actions of others that have shown you their love for you? How do you show love to others?**

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**None of us are perfect at loving others. Years before Paul and John wrote about perfect love, Moses explained God's commandment about love. Reveal Deuteronomy 6:5. Find It First. Highlight. Read. It's important to God that we love Him and others. Until next time, see how many new ways you can love God and the people He created.**

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: New Testament Postcard about love, stamp or sticker of a heart
- W<sup>3</sup> BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #22
- OFFERING OF ART: One way to show God's love to others
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### **GOT TIME?**

**SNACK:** Heart-Shaped Snack

**GAMES:** How Do You Love?, New Testament Line

**CRAFT:** Care Package—Basket of Love

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Ask, Seek, Knock!; Race to Repeat

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**