



At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts - Revelation
Unit 5, Lesson 22

A Letter About Love

Lesson Aim: To learn to love one another.

THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "Love one another."

THE WORSHIP THE SPIRIT WHO GUIDES US

Sing Bible Memory Verse and other related songs.

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to the Holy Spirit who guides us. The Holy Spirit guides us in how to follow Jesus. The Holy Spirit helped John write a letter about love. It guides us in how to love one another. That is our Whisper Verse today. Let's try it together. Review the Whisper Verse together: "Love one another." Include sign language.

Let's say our Whisper Verse one more time, and then we can sing it! Say the Whisper Verse: "Love one another." Sing: "Love One Another."

Love comes from God. We can show God we love Him by singing praises to Him and by giving our offering to help His Church. Sing: "How Great Is Our God" or "Praise Time: Love the Lord Your God" while collecting the offering.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

We know how to love one another because God has shown us what love is. Sing: "We Love." **Sometimes it is hard to love one another. God can help us because, with Him, all things are possible. That reminds me of our new Bible Memory Verse. Let's sing it now.** Sing Unit 5 Bible Memory Verse Song, "With God All Things Are Possible."

THE WORD JOHN'S LETTER SAYS, "LOVE ONE ANOTHER" CLASSROOM PROMISE

Last time, we learned Paul told people in his house about Jesus. This week, we will begin reading some special letters in the Bible

written by believers to people like you and me. The first letter we will read is about love; it is from Jesus' friend, John.

SPECIAL DELIVERY: 1 JOHN 4:7a, 12

Let's open the Special Delivery Mailbag to find this week's letter. Choose a child to open the mailbag, remove the Bible, and hand it to you. Where does love come from? (God.) Let's find our answer in today's letter from the Bible. Read the letter.

Dear friends,

Let us love one another, for love comes from God. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us.

Love, John

Who should we love? (One another.) Our Whisper Verse tells us the answer. Let's say it together: "Love one another." Include sign language or hand motions.

Our symbol for John's letter about love is a heart. Invite a child to reach into the mailbag to find today's symbol (a large paper heart). **Let's talk about John's letter as we play "Pass the Heart." If you know the answer to the question I ask, raise your hand. When someone passes you the heart, hold it and tell us your answer.**

PASS THE HEART: Ask each of the questions below. Give the paper heart to a child who has raised his or her hand. The child gives his or her answer and then gives the heart to another child whose hand is raised.

- **Who do you love? How can you show them you love them?**
- **Who loves you? How does that person show you love?**
- **No one has ever seen God. What do you think God looks like?**

THE WAY WE CAN LOVE ONE ANOTHER

CRAFT: Love Necklace

GAMES: Hearts from God, Pass the Love Letter

SNACK: Hearts of Love

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- COMPLETED CRAFT
- PONDER, PRAY & PLAY
- COLOR THIS STORY

GOT TIME?

GAMES: Letter Games, Collect the Letters

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Circle Verse, Bible Memory Verse Hop
STORY TIME