

# CAMP VENTURE

Hey Pals,

Have you ever had a pen pal? That's a name for a friend who writes letters to you. Many pen pals live far apart and never meet in person. They become pals or friends through the letters they write each other. As your pen pal, I'll be writing you letters about letters...New Testament letters, that is! Today's letters are about love. In 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, Paul explained what love is. In 1 John 4:11-12, John explained why love is so important.

John wrote about how loving each other can help us see God. Have you ever wanted to see God? Me, too! 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. Remove the bag of paper hearts from the mailbag. Invite the campers to pick a heart. For groups larger than 15, campers may share hearts.

Each heart describes something about love such as "Love is patient" or "Love is kind." Read the words on your 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. Campers share their individual experiences. Counselor may help younger campers or non-readers.

Let's vote on which is the hardest way for you to show love. For me, it is hard to never boast or brag. Invite campers to raise their hands for the ways of loving they find to be the most difficult. Remember, God is perfect in all 15 ways of loving you!

It's important to God that we love Him and love others. Until we meet again, see how many new ways you can love God and the people He created.

Believe and Be love!  
Your Pen Pal

