



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts – Revelation
Unit 5, Lesson 22

Letters About Love

Lesson Aim: To understand the characteristics of love such as patience, kindness, and perseverance.

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 had 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 the ancient city of Corinth, Greece. **This letter is found in the Bible's 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 and other disciples.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: 1 Corinthians 13:1-7; 1 John 4:11-12. 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.

In Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, he describes perfect love in 15 ways. Remove the paper hearts from the mailbag. Invite each child to choose a heart. For groups larger than 15, children may share hearts. **Each paper heart describes something about love such as "Love is patient" or "Love is kind." Read the words of Paul on your paper heart.** Younger children or non-readers may need assistance. **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 catch a ball or a time when someone was patient with you while you learned something new. Children share their experiences.

What is the meaning of Paul's words: "Love always perseveres"? (Love never gives up on someone.) **Which of these hearts might be used to describe you? Which of these hearts describes something that is often difficult for you?** Invite children to share the way of loving that they find to be the most difficult.

Read remaining hearts. **Love does not envy. To envy is to want what someone else has. Love does not boast. To boast is to brag. If you ask Him, God will help you love without wanting what others have, or bragging about what you do have. Remember, God is perfect in all 15 ways of loving you!**

No one has ever seen God, but what happens when we love others as God loves us? (God lives in us.)

CHRIST CONNECTION:

None of us are perfect at loving others. Years before Paul and John wrote about perfect love in their letters, Moses explained God's commandment about love. Reveal Deuteronomy 6:5. Read.

It's important to God that we love Him and love 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
- **DAILY WAY CHALLENGE**
- **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
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