

# Communities Love (1 Corinthians 13:1-13)

June 28, 2020



## PLAN

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### Supplies

**Basic Supplies:** CEB Deep Blue Kids Bible | Deep Blue Bible Storybook | Deep Blue Adventure Video | Pencils | Crayons | Markers | Scissors | Glue | Paper | Blocks or small boxes

**Supplies for Extra At-Home Activity:** Extra Activity Page

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### Before You Teach

Paul started the church in the city of Corinth, and he stayed there for a year and a half. After he left, the new Christians began to argue about things in the church. Paul wrote the Books of 1 and 2 Corinthians to remind them what was important. In 1 Corinthians 13, Paul taught the church about true love. He said loving others is the greatest way we can show we love God. Paul's words helped the church in Bible times, and they continue to help us today.

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### Heart Map (Puzzle)

*Before class: Print a copy of the heart map for each person.*

**SAY:** Our story today is about loving others like God loves us.

**SAY:** A heart map is a picture of the things you love. Start at the center of the heart and draw or write the person, place, or thing you love the most. Draw a shape around what you wrote. Then work your way out from the center of the heart adding more persons, places, and things you love. Draw a shape around each thing your love. When you have filled your heart, go back and color or design the different sections. Now you have a picture of the love in your heart. Display it in a place you will see every day, and thank God for all the persons, places, and things you love.

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### Which One Is Worth the Most?

*Before class: Display the faith, hope, and love graphic.*

**SAY:** Faith, hope, and love are all important in our lives, but especially love. Paul told the church at Corinth that the greatest of these is love.

**ASK:** Why do you think faith and hope are important? Why do you think love is even more important?

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### Read the Bible Story

- Find 1 Corinthians 13:13 in your Bible, or read the story "Love" from the *Deep Blue Bible Storybook* (pp. 505–506).

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**ASK:** Can you think of something you do because you love someone else?

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## See the Bible Story

**SAY:** The Deep Blue Kids are practicing showing God's love. They take a meal to Mr. Jones who has recently had surgery.

- Watch today's episode here: <https://tinyurl.com/lovejune28>

**ASK:** How do you show love? Who can you show love to today?

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## Transition to Respond

- Read Psalm 100:5 to the group:

*Because the Lord is good, his loyal love lasts forever; his faithfulness lasts generation after generation.*

**ASK:** What kind of love does God have for us? (*loyal*) How long does God's love for us last? (*forever*)

- Say together, "God's loyal love lasts forever."
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## Sacred Conversations

**ASK:** How have you lived out the Golden Rule this month? What have you done to build a strong, spiritual foundation in your life? How have you been a good neighbor? How have you shown love to someone else?

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## Blessing

**SAY:** Before we end today, we are going to share a blessing with each other. Blessings show how special you are to God.

- Go around the room and say the blessing to each child.

**SAY:** (Person's name), God loves you. God remembers you. God will always be with you.

**PRAY:** Dear God, thank you for showing us love through Jesus; in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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## Showing Love to My Community (Extra At-Home Activity)

*Before class: Make a copy of the extra activity page for each child.*

- Give each child a copy of "Showing Love to My Community." Read the different titles in each box.

**SAY:** Each title is a way you can show love to your community and be a good neighbor. When you show love in one of the ways written in the boxes, write what you did in the box too. At the end of the week, see how many boxes you have written in, and read the different ways you showed love.

**ASK:** How does it make you feel to show God's love in so many ways?

# Love

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

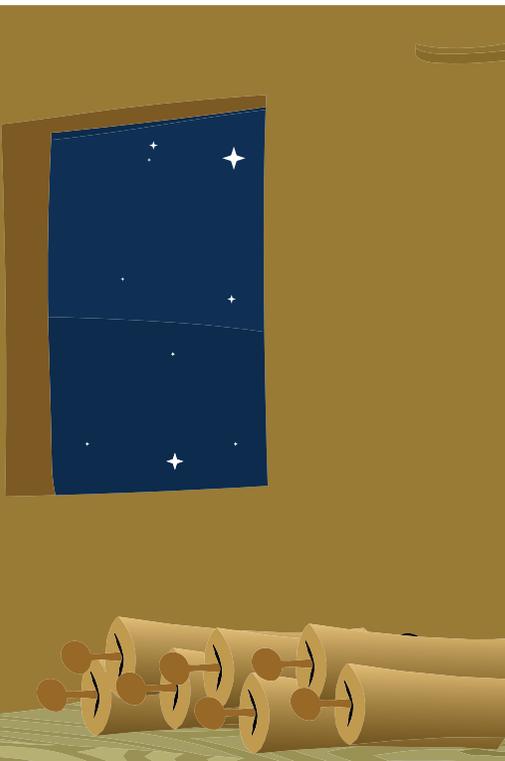


**P**aul continued teaching the people in Corinth through his letter.

He wrote, "If I don't have love, I'm like a clanging gong or a clashing cymbal.

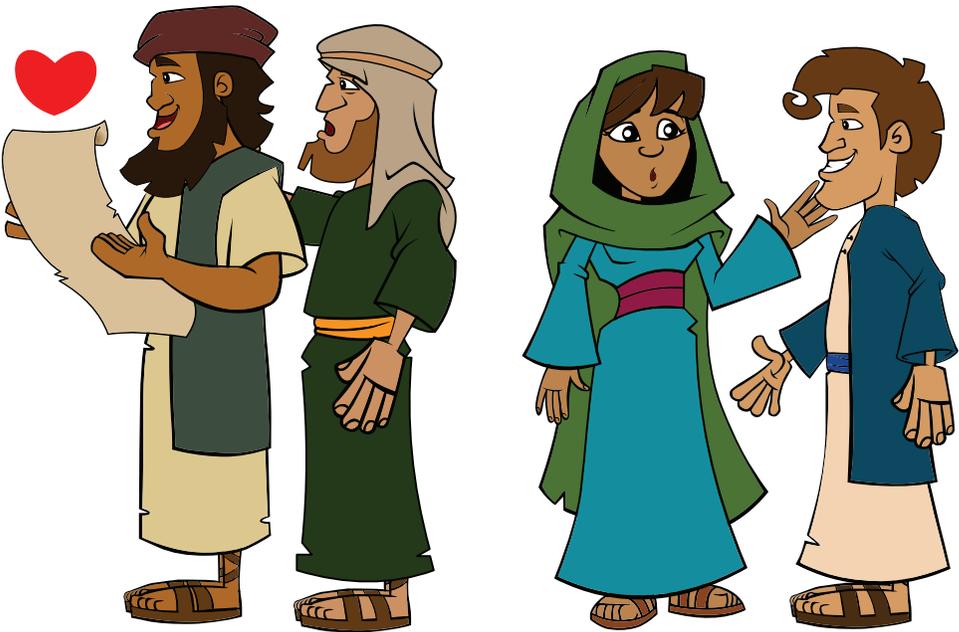
"If I know everything but I don't have love, I'm nothing.

"If I give away everything that I have but I don't have love, it doesn't make any difference.



“Love is patient. Love is kind. Love isn’t jealous. Love doesn’t brag. Love isn’t rude. Love isn’t grumpy. Love is happy with the truth. Love never fails.

“Now faith, hope, and love remain—these three things. The greatest of these is love.” 



Why do you think love is the greatest thing?



## Showing Love to My Community – Activity

<b>Secret Act of Kindness</b>	<b>Do Something Nice for a Stranger</b>	<b>Be polite to Others in Public Places</b>
<b>Volunteer Your Time</b>	<b>Help Someone Younger Learn a Skill</b>	<b>Respond with Kindness to Someone Who Is Rude</b>
<b>Get Involved with Community Activities</b>	<b>Look for Opportunities to Help Neighbors</b>	<b>Organize a Community Cleanup Day</b>

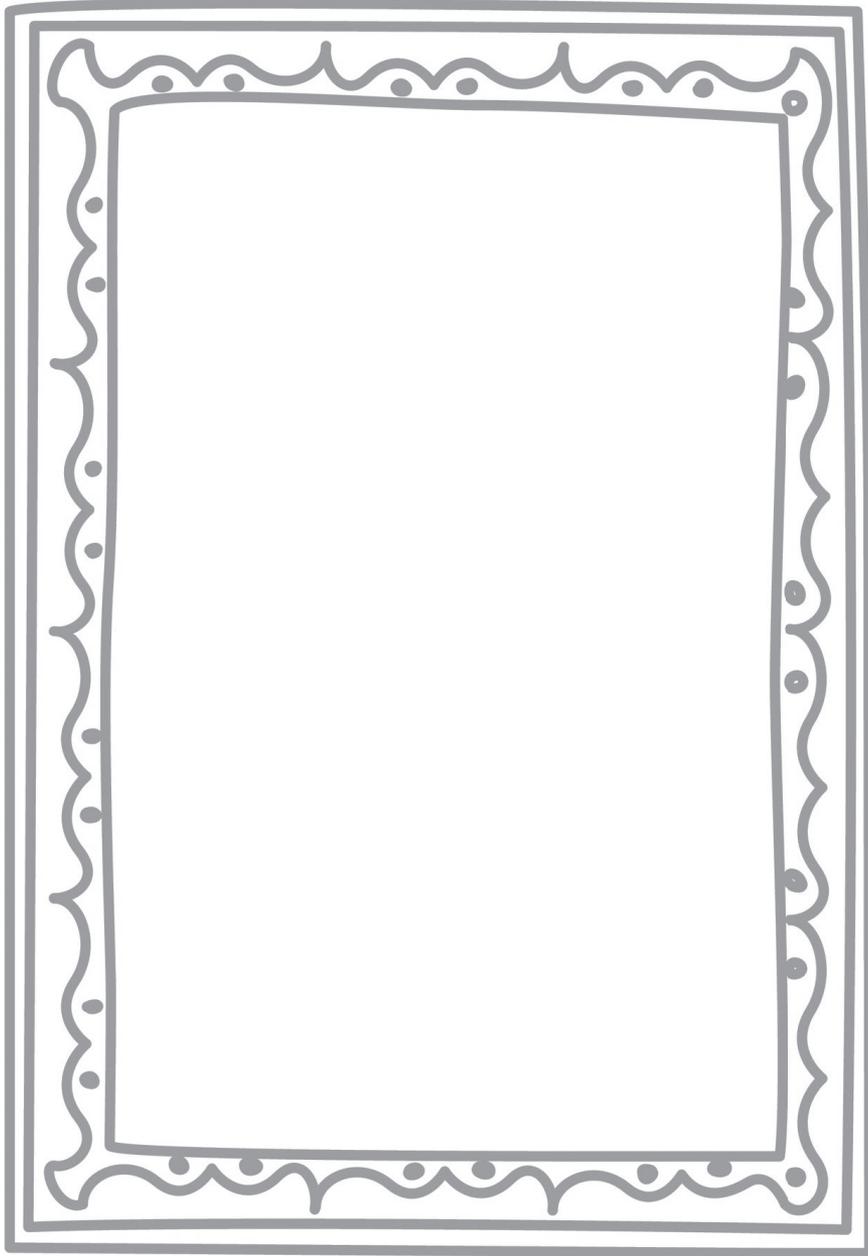


# Heart Map – Puzzle

Fill in your heart with people you love and ways that you show love. Start in the middle of the heart with the most important. Enclose that answer in a shape. Then continue adding answers and enclosing them in shapes, until you have filled all of your heart.



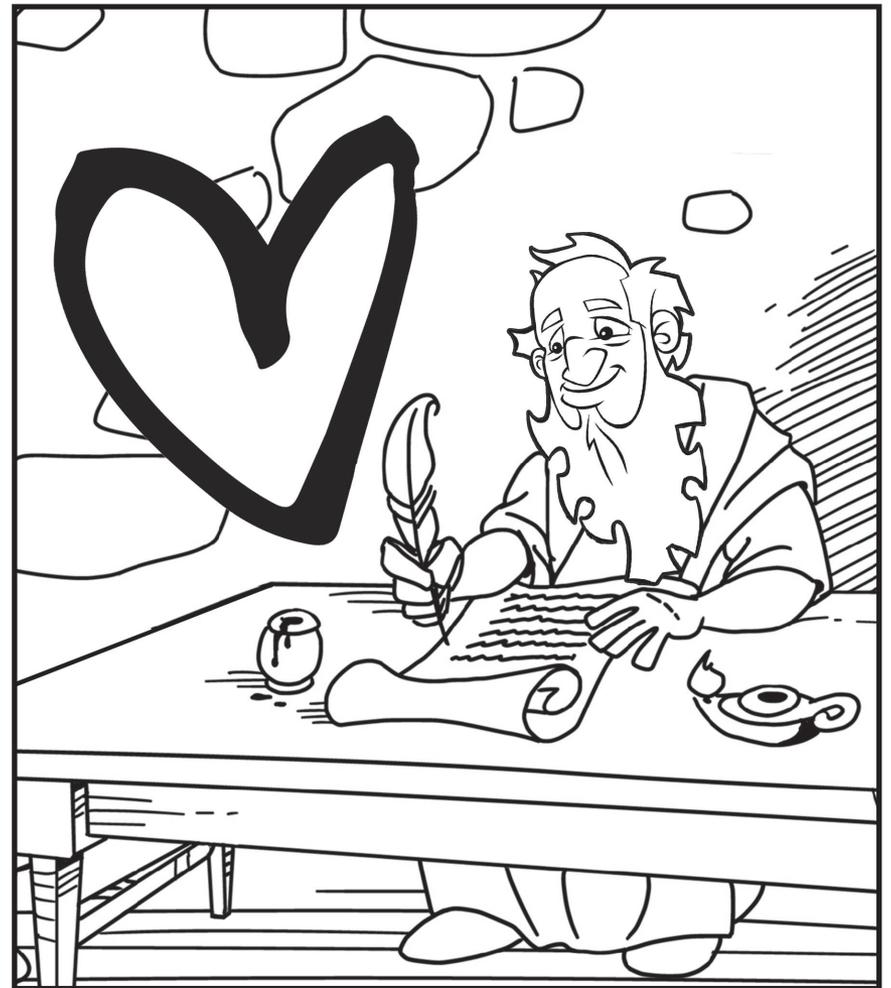
Love is kind. Draw a beautiful picture and give it to someone you love.



## Love

*1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

Paul taught the believers in Corinth about love. He wrote them a letter that said, "Love is patient. Love is kind. Love isn't jealous. Love doesn't brag. Love isn't rude."



Paul taught many people by writing letters. Help Paul's letter reach its destination.



Who should we love? Fill in the blanks to see!

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