

GOD TIME



READ 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4

We use the word LOVE to describe a lot of different things. We love pizza, video games, our favorite stuffed animal, and cookie dough ice cream. But there's a big difference between loving stuff and loving people. This week, we'll take a look at a chapter from the Bible that's all about love. As you read it, you'll discover that love isn't just a feeling; love is an action.

- 1. LOVE IS PATIENT AND KIND.** Even when you want your way and you want it right now, to love others well means you stop yourself before you say something unkind or push your way to the front.
- 2. LOVE DOES NOT WANT WHAT OTHERS HAVE.** It's hard to love someone when you're jealous of something they have or something they've accomplished.
- 3. LOVE DOES NOT BRAG; IT IS NOT PROUD.** Instead of saying "Look at me, I'm SUPERawesome!" love focuses on others and their awesomeness.

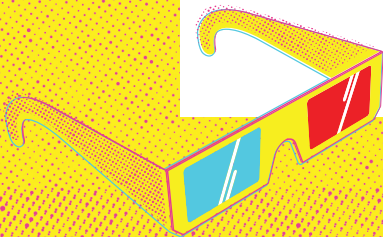
Grab a piece of paper and draw a large heart in the center. Write the phrases in red from the list above in the center of your heart. Write small. You'll be adding more phrases throughout the week. Ask God to help you live for Him by loving others this week.

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Loving others isn't always easy. But God will help us do what He asks us to do. So let's keep going as we learn about LOVE this week.

- 1. LOVE DOES NOT DISHONOR OTHERS.** If a famous actor or athlete were to come over for dinner, how would you treat him or her? Love says we are to treat EVERYONE like that.
- 2. LOVE DOES NOT LOOK OUT FOR ITSELF.** When was the last time you asked someone else about his or her day before you started telling a story about yours?
- 3. LOVE DOES NOT EASILY BECOME ANGRY.** Have you yelled at your little brother lately? Have you pitched a fit about something you didn't like? Anger gets in the way of loving others, big time.
- 4. LOVE DOESN'T KEEP TRACK OF WRONGS.** When you're frustrated with your sister or friend, do you say things like, "He always _____," or, "She never _____"? It's not fair to bring up past mistakes when dealing with a current disagreement.

Grab your heart from yesterday and add the phrases in red to the front. Thank God for loving you, and ask Him to help you honor others, forgive, put others first, and calm down when you're frustrated so you can love others!



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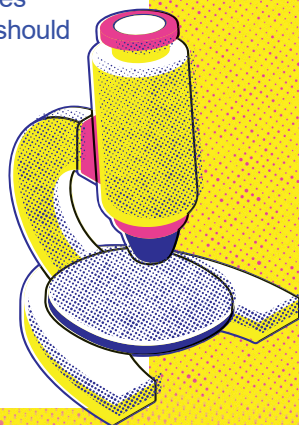
We've been learning a lot about what love is and what it isn't this week. And we're not done yet. Let's dive into today's verse.

1. LOVE IS NOT HAPPY WITH EVIL OR INJUSTICE. When you see someone getting picked on, or you see a wrong that needs to be made right, you should stand up and say so. And also let an adult know if you need help.

2. LOVE IS FULL OF JOY WHEN THE TRUTH IS SPOKEN. Another version says love "rejoices whenever the truth wins out" (NLT). When you see something you know is wrong or unfair, you should let someone know in a way that doesn't make the situation worse.

This week, when you see something and you think, "That's not right," find a way to make it better. Simply listening to someone who was hurt or choosing to be kind when others aren't can go a long way. You may not be able to fix every wrong or unfair thing you see, but you can certainly be part of the solution to make it better.

Add the phrases in red above to your heart. Ask God to help you love others as you look for ways to make unfair situations better for those around you.



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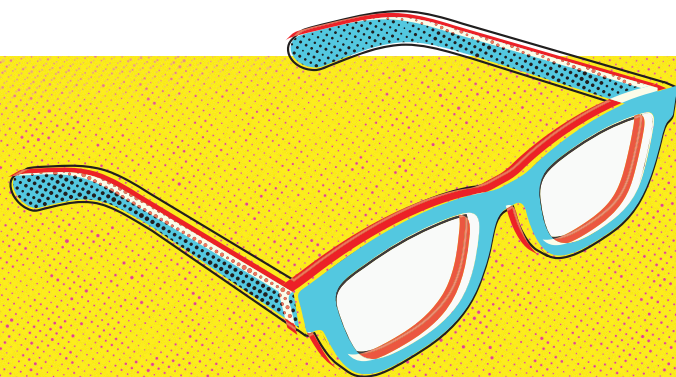
When it comes to showing love, we've talked a lot about what you shouldn't do. Today let's talk about what you **SHOULD** do.

1. LOVE ALWAYS PROTECTS. What does it mean to protect something? It means you're careful. You do everything you can to make sure nothing hurts the thing you're protecting—including you.

2. LOVE ALWAYS TRUSTS. God will help you be someone others can rely on. Good friendships start with you. Be the kind of friend that others can put their confidence in.

3. LOVE ALWAYS HOPES AND IT NEVER GIVES UP. Sometimes we need to keep on loving even when our little brothers drive us crazy. Instead of pointing out all the stuff that makes you mad, choose to believe the best about the other person.

Squeeze these last three phrases in red onto the front of your heart. If you need to flip it over and write on the back, that's okay, too. Read over all the phrases from this week. Which one is easiest for you? Which one is hardest? Put your finger on the hardest one and ask God to help you love others this way so that you can live for Him this week.



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