

Quarter Theme: Love for One Another

Unit 1: Struggles with Love

Sept 6 “Biased Love” *Lesson focus:* Favoritism jealousy, and pride can destroy families.

Genesis 37:2-4 (Jacob’s Favoritism of Joseph), **5-11** *Joseph’s Two Dreams*, **23, 24a, 28** (*Joseph’s Enslavement*)

Sept 13 “Obedient Love” *Lesson focus:* God’s love provides the obedient person a path to life.

Genesis 41:25-32 (Joseph Interprets Pharaoh’s Dreams), **33, 37-40** (Joseph’s Advice Pharaoh), **50-52** (*Joseph Begins a Family*)

Sept 20 “Victorious Love” *Lesson focus:* Love desires evidence of repentance before reconciliation.

Genesis 42:6-17 (*Joseph Accuses His Brothers of Spying*), **18-25** (Joseph Tests His Brothers’ Honesty)

Sept 27 “Revealed Love” *Lesson focus:* Trust that God’s love redeems our past hurts.

Genesis 45:1-7 (*Joseph’s Disclosure*), **8, 10-15** (Joseph’s Instructions)

Unit 2: Inclusive Love

Oct 4 “Love That Intercedes” *Lesson focus:* Love takes risks for others.

1 Samuel 19:1-3 (Warning David about Saul), **4-5** (*Reminding Saul about David*), **6-7** (*Reconciling David and Saul*)

Oct 11 “Love for Enemies” *Lesson focus:* Love “those people” like Jesus did.

Luke 6:27-31 (Loving Unconditionally), **32-34** (Loving Selflessly), **35-36** (*Loving Mercifully*)

Oct 18 “Love for Neighbors” *Lesson focus:* What worlds collide when you show love to an unlikely person.

Luke 10:25-28 (*How Do You Read It?*), **29-32** (A Man Attacked), **33-37** (The Merciful Samaritan)

Oct 25 “Love Never Fails” *Lesson focus:* Understand what love does and does not do.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 (Without Love, Nothing), **4-7** (What Love Is), **8-13** (Love Never Fails)

Unit 3: Godly Love Among Believers

Nov 1 “Serving Love” *Lesson focus:* You are called to serve – go and love!

John 13:1-5 (An Unexpected Act), **6-10** (*A Spiritual Implication*), **12-15, 34-35** (*A New Command*)

Nov 8 “Abiding Love” *Lesson focus:* Love like Jesus – lay down your life.

John 15:4-8 (A Crucial Connection), **9-13** (A Clarification of Purpose), **14-17** (*A New Relationship*)

Nov 15 “Confident Love” *Lesson focus:* Trusting Jesus transforms us from haters into lovers.

1 John 3:11-15 (Proof of Life), **16-18** (Sacrificial Love), **19-24** (Confident Hearts)

Nov 22 “Responsive Love” *Lesson focus:* Test your own motives before you test God.

Acts 4:32-35 (A Sharing Community), **36-37** (Barnabas’ Positive Example), **5:1-11** (Ananias and Sapphira Test God)

Nov 29 “Impartial Love” *Lesson focus:* Show love by honoring people, not positions.

James 2:1-4 (Do Not Favor the Rich), **5-7** (Partiality Lacks Common Sense), **8-11** (Favoritism Breaks God’s Law), **12-13** (Mercy Triumphs over Judgment)