

Week 4: February 3 Love

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Note to the Teacher

This week, we bring all the greater gifts together and look to the greatest gift of all – LOVE. In the box this week, you'll need the items needed to play the game described below (resources needed are described at the end of this lesson) and a heart-shaped item. You will also need the 'gift' items from the previous weeks' lessons to show at the end of this lesson. We'll use them for a short review of what we've learned so far.

Time Description of Activity

25 min 1. **Ice Breaker and Game - Whisper Challenge**

Start this lesson with a bang by getting students laughing using the activity **Whisper Challenge** from the Youth Worker Collective (<https://youthworkercollective.com/whisper-challenge/>).

Transition: God gave us an entire chapter in the Bible that helps us define love. Paul wrote it in the book of 1 Corinthians.

5 min 2. **Read Scripture**

- Read 1 Corinthians 13
- Note that this chapter follows the chapter on gifts that we've been looking into the past two weeks.

20 min 3. **Discussion** – pull a heart-shaped cookie, paper, or pillow...out of the box as you begin this discussion

1. Why would Paul write these words about LOVE after he just taught us about spiritual gifts?
2. How does the game that we played earlier help us to understand verses 1-3 in a different way?
How can our lives be like clanging gongs and loud cymbals if we don't have love?
3. Using verses 4-7, make a list of the qualities that describe love. Compare this list to the one that we made earlier.
4. Paul says that love is the greatest gift in verse 13. What makes love greater than hope and faith?
5. How can you show God's love to those around you?

Finish by reviewing all the gifts from the box: the water, the gift inventory, the puzzle, and the heart.

6. How do all these things fit together to remind us of God's greater gifts?

NEEDED RESOURCES:

1-2 sets of headphones – noise cancelling is the best choice, but any will do

Playlist of LOUD songs on your phone or ipod

Phrase cards – print out and have ready

- For the game, print or write out simple phrases on individual cards. Below are some examples, but feel free to make up your own!

Valentine's Day Present

John the Baptist

Pumpkin Spiced Latte

First Corinthians Thirteen

Chocolate Covered Strawberries

Heart-shaped Cookies