

All-in-One
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Love

Bible Verse

Love is kind.

1 Corinthians 13:4

Bible Story

Galatians 5:22–23; 1 Corinthians 13

The term “fruit of the Spirit” comes from the idea that Christians grow in the faith, and this growth produces Christian virtues such as love and joy. The fruit of love is self-giving love. It is generous and unconditional. It is the kind of love God offers each one of us.

The Bible story for today comes from one of Paul’s most famous letters. Paul is credited with writing over 25 percent of the New Testament. Paul’s letters were an important part of his ministry. Whether he was in prison or just in another part of the world, Paul used his letters to communicate with other members of the early church.

The form of Paul’s letters makes it obvious that he intended for them to be read aloud to the individual congregations. Through his letters Paul taught the churches. The letters begin with a salutation, continue with

the reason for the letter, and close with a benediction. He criticized the churches, corrected them, praised them, or pleaded with them, depending on what was needed at the time.

Children love to get mail. This week is a perfect opportunity to send your children a card or letter. You may use the heart on page 19 to make cards to send to your children. Send it the week before or the week after the lesson; either is timely.

In this letter Paul dwells on the qualities of love. Throughout the Gospels Jesus calls his followers to love one another. Help the children see that they one way they can show love is by being kind.



Love



Joy



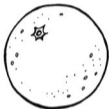
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Patience



Kindness



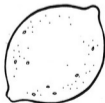
Generosity



Faithfulness



Gentleness



Self-control



We can be patient and trust God.

If time is limited, we recommend those activities that are noted in **boldface**. Depending on your time and the number of children, you may be able to include more activities.

ACTIVITY	TIME	SUPPLIES
Fruit Tray	5 minutes	tray, towel or cloth, plastic fruit or Reproducible 1A, scissors
Patience Power	5 minutes	Reproducible 4A, scissors
Guess What?	5 minutes	Reproducible 4B, tape
Be Patient, Be Patient	5 minutes	None
Bible Story: Ha, Ha, Ha	10 minutes	Reproducible 4B
Bible Verse Fun	5 minutes	Bible
The Laughing Game	5 minutes	None
Wait Your Turn	10 minutes	newspaper, trash can, masking tape
Fruit Roll-ups	5 minutes	ball
Fruit of the Spirit Prayers	5 minutes	None

JOIN THE FUN

BIBLE STORY FUN

LIVE THE FUN

Around the Room

Lead the children to your story area with the following movement poem.

Here we go a-marching,
(March around the room.)
 A-marching, a-marching,
 Here we go a-marching
 all around the room.

Who do we see marching,
(March around the room.)
 Marching, marching?
 Who do we see marching
 All around the room?

We see *(name each child)*,
(Stop moving.)

Here we go a-hopping,
(Hop around the room.)
 A-hopping, a-hopping,
 Here we go a-hopping
 all around the room.

Who do we see hopping,
(Hop around the room.)
 Hopping, hopping?
 Who do we see hopping
 All around the room?

We see *(name each child)*,
(Stop moving.)

Here we go a-sitting,
(Sit down in your story area.)
 A-sitting, a-sitting,
 Here we go a-sitting
 right here in the room.

Who do we see sitting,
(Sit down in your story area.)
 Sitting, sitting?
 Who do we see sitting
 Right here in the room?

We see *(name each child)*,

Supplies

None

