

God Loves All People (1 Corinthians 13)



Dear families,

God is loving. God is love. What's the difference between these two statements? If God is simply loving, then He fits a particular definition of love; however, if God is love, then He Himself is the definition. For God to be loving does not necessitate that He is love, but if God is love, then He most certainly is loving.

Why does this matter? Well, a simple observation of culture demonstrates that there are multiple definitions of love. Some may suggest that love is a feeling or an action. Some may suggest that love is a noun or a verb. But if God is love, then we ought to look no further than Him and His Word to discover what love truly is.

In light of this, where Scripture describes God, we find imagery of what love is. And when Scripture describes love, we discover more of who God is. First Corinthians 13 utilizes a litany of adjectives to describe love, ultimately describing God Himself.

In this text, we find how God loves and, in particular, how He loves us. God loves us with patience, kindness, satisfaction, humility, thoughtfulness, sacrifice, truthfulness, and hope. This description ought to stir our hearts toward the worship of the God of love and move us in the direction of this type of love toward others.

The ultimate example of God's love is Jesus, who said, "Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another" (John 13:34). First John 4:16 says, "And we have come

to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and the one who remains in love remains in God, and God remains in him.”

God is love and God is loving; therefore, to know God is to know love. As we grow in this understanding, we can begin to demonstrate the type of love that we see in Him. And, Lord willing, others will see Him through our reflection of His love.

Check out *The Gospel Project At Home* for resources designed to help you lead a family worship experience as well as suggestions for morning and evening prayer times and family activities.

FAMILY TALKING POINTS

CHRIST CONNECTION

This is the big idea of how this week’s Bible story points to Jesus.

- **Younger Preschool:** God loves all people. He commands everyone who trusts in Jesus to love Him and love others.
- **Older Preschool:** God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. God is love, and God loves all people. He calls everyone who trusts in Jesus to love Him and love others.
- **Kids:** God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. God is love, and God loves all people. He calls everyone who trusts in Jesus to love Him and love others.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION & ANSWER

This is an important biblical truth that your child will encounter each week of this unit.

- **Preschool:** How do we know God loves us? We can know that God loves us because He sent His Son Jesus.
- **Kids:** How do we know God loves us? We can know that God loves us because He gave us Jesus to forgive the sins of the world.

KEY PASSAGE

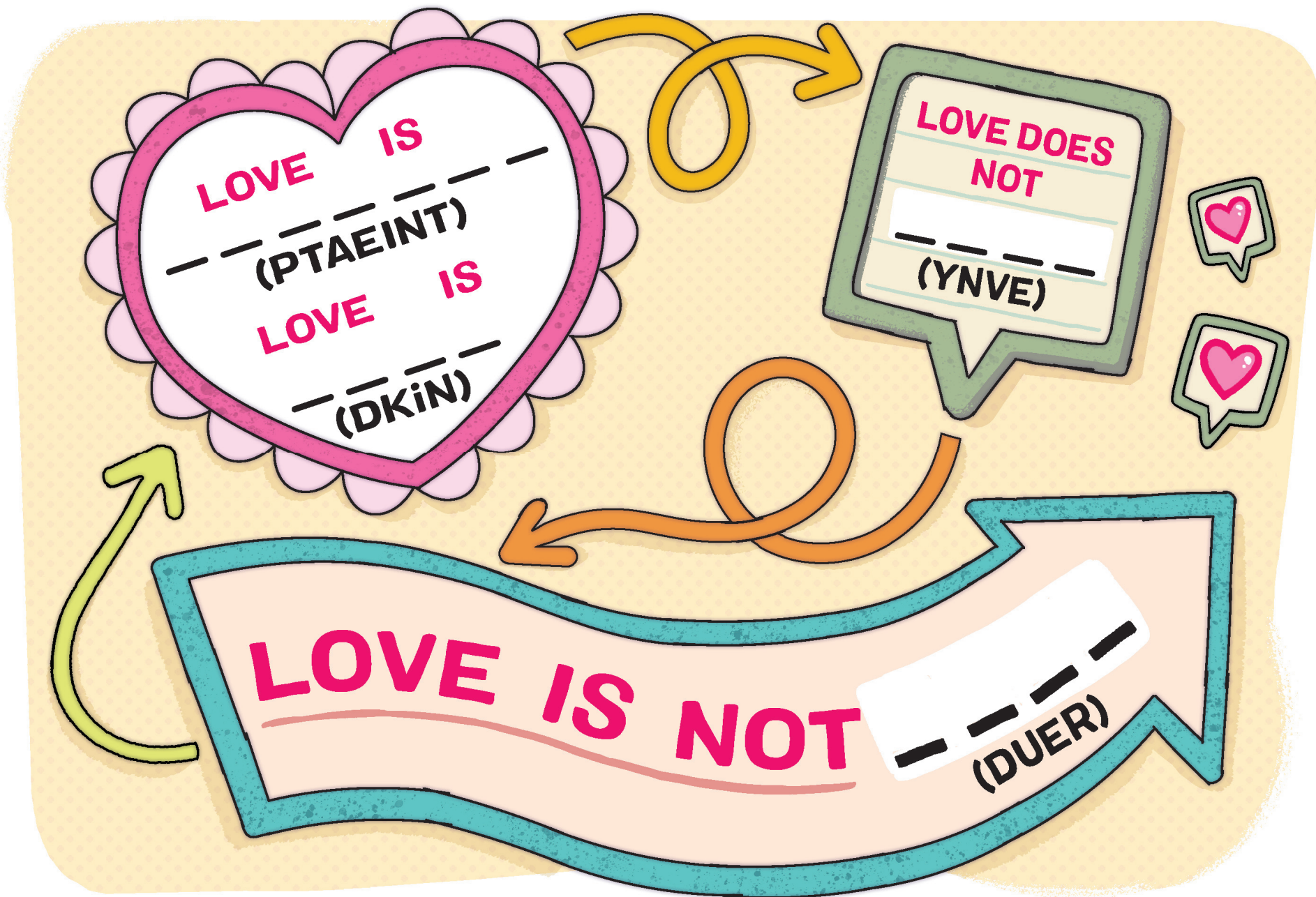
This is a Bible verse that relates to what your child will encounter each week of this unit.

- **Younger Preschool:** We know that God loves us because He sent His Son Jesus. Romans 5:8
- **Older Preschool:** While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8
- **Kids:** But God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

**** Next week:** People Rejected Jesus (Luke 4)

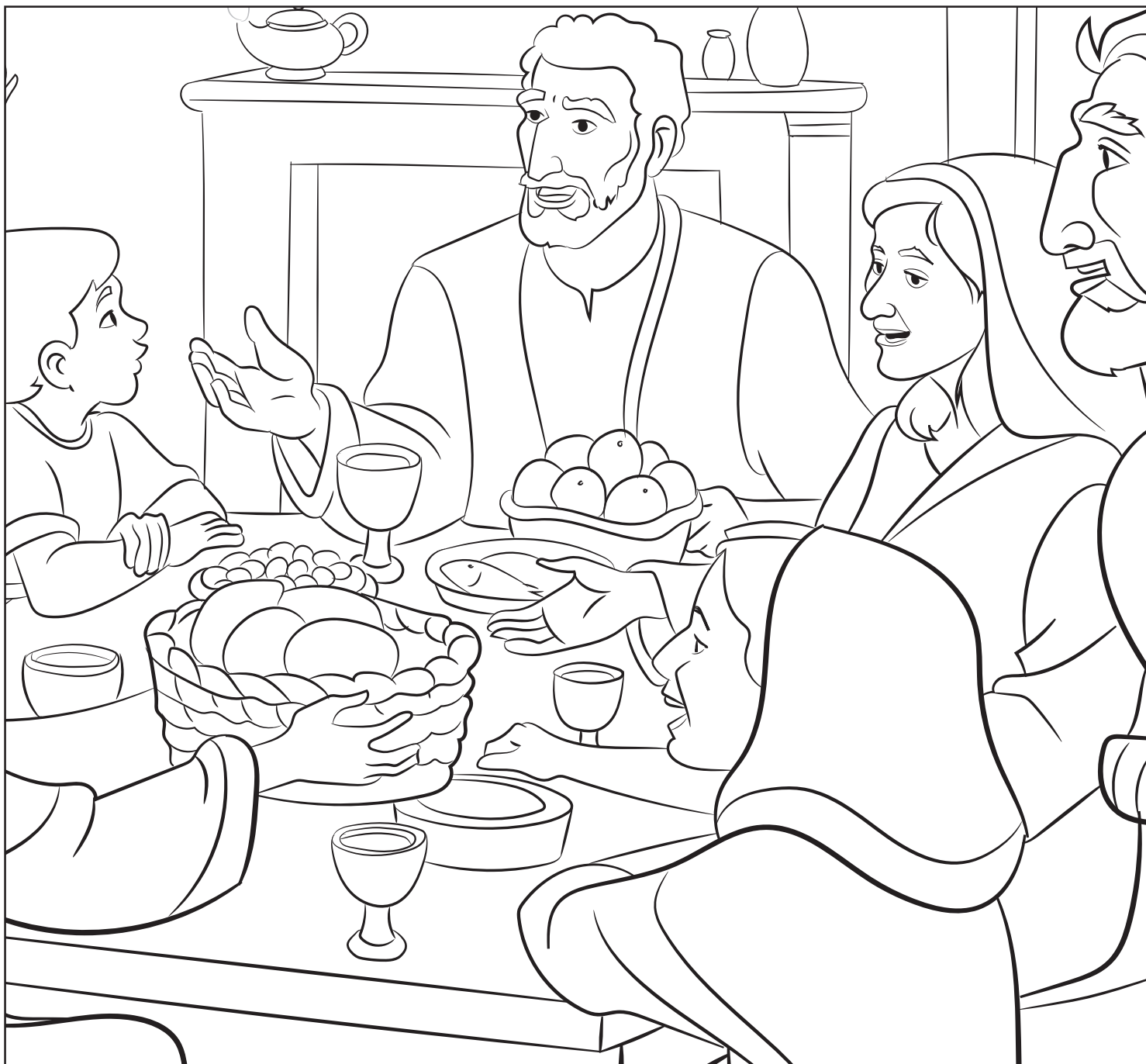
What Is Love?

INSTRUCTIONS: Unscramble the words to complete the sentences below. Look up 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 in your Bible to help you.





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God Loves All People

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- The Bible says God is love. He loves people—all people! And because God loves us, we can love others.
- Paul wrote about how we are to love others. He said that love is the greatest spiritual gift. Paul said that we must do all things in love.
- Paul described what love is like and said that love will never end. Love is patient, kind, not irritable, keeps no records of wrong, rejoices in truth, and never quits.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. God is love, and God loves all people. He calls everyone who trusts in Jesus to love Him and love others.

KEY PASSAGE: Romans 5:8

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

How do we know God loves us? We can know that God loves us because He gave us Jesus to forgive the sins of the world.