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1 Corinthians 13 - LOVE

"If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

Discussion for the Younger Kids:

What does it mean to love someone? How do you know if someone loves you? Today, ask your family members how they want to be shown love, and then try to love them that way. Today and everyday!!!

For Further Discussion:

As most people know, this section is the Love chapter. People often associate this chapter to weddings, but I feel that this is not just a verse that someone reads at a wedding. This is a chapter that lays out how we should treat people and how to love others around us. I truly believe that we as humans are the center of God's love and purpose, and therefore, we should be striving to treat others the way God has intended us to treat them. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves, but without this chapter how can we know what love really is? God is love so in order for us to be living our lives, reflecting His nature, we need to know what love is and how to love. I also strongly believe that if people took this chapter seriously and took TRUE love seriously, then our country and world would not be in the state it is with war, violence, and fighting.

If you would like to ask Cortney more about her devotional, you can send an [email](#) to her at camp.