

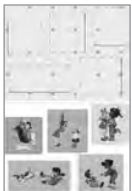


Paul Describes Genuine Love

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Help children understand kindness, not only by your actions but by providing opportunities for children to demonstrate kind actions. Such opportunities are an important step to helping them understand God’s love. Say things such as “It would be kind to give Tara the doll now” or “Let’s be kind and share the blanket with Jared.” Praise children for showing kindness, and remind them that Jesus loves to see us acting kindly.

INFANT

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Listen to praise songs.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Bible Exploration	A Window of Love See and practice hugs of kindness.	scissors, tape Teacher Pack: “Love Is Kind” teaching picture 	On the section of the “Love Is Kind” teaching picture with the five windows, cut out each window on three sides, and leave the fourth side intact. Place this section on top of the other section. Align the windows so that when they open, they each reveal a different picture of the people. Tape the two sections together.
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	Loving Hugs Hug and kiss a baby doll.	doll	
	Love Rhyme Bounce to the rhythm of a rhyme about love and kindness.		
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 13 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

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Bible Point
God’s love is kind.

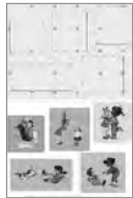
Key Verse
“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved” (Acts 16:31).

Weaving Faith Into Life
Children will be kind to others, just as God is kind to them.





TODDLER

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Listen to or sing praise songs.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Bible Exploration	Touching Love See and touch pictures of kindness.	Bible, scissors, tape Teacher Pack: “Love Is Kind” teaching picture 	On the section of the “Love Is Kind” teaching picture with the five windows, cut out each window on three sides, and leave the fourth side intact. Place this section on top of the other section. Align the windows so that when they open, they each reveal a different picture of the people. Tape the two sections together.
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	Acts of Kindness Practice acts of kindness in a game.	water bottle, mat, blanket, washcloth, adhesive bandages	
	Shiny, Sweet Hearts Make hearts shiny, bright, and sweet-smelling.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Showing Kindness and Love” page (at the end of the lesson), 5 heart stickers per child, scented lip balm, baby wipes	Remove the Lesson 13 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)	

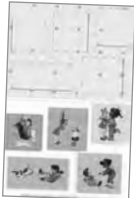
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2-YEAR-OLD



LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Listen to or sing praise songs.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Bible Exploration	Window Scenes Recognize acts of kindness.	Bible, scissors, tape Teacher Pack: “Love Is Kind” teaching picture 	On the section of the “Love Is Kind” teaching picture with the five windows, cut out each window on three sides, and leave the fourth side intact. Place this section on top of the other section. Align the windows so that when they open, they each reveal a different picture of the people. Tape the two sections together.
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	A Heart Full of Love Make a heart collage full of kindness.	newsprint, scissors, magazines, glue sticks, tape	Cut a large heart from a sheet of newsprint.
	Love Is a “Do” Word Decorate acts of kindness.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Showing Kindness and Love” page (at the end of the lesson), scissors, fabric scraps, paper, glue sticks, bowls of dry cereal	Remove the Lesson 13 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut two fabric squares and a few 1-inch squares of paper for each child.
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)	

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Paul Describes Genuine Love

1 Corinthians 13:1-13



BIBLE BACKGROUND
FOR LEADERS

What Is True Love?

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The “love” we see in movies, on TV, and in our culture is not the kind of love described in this passage. What we most often see is a selfish “love,” which is more like lust. That kind of love seeks its own pleasure and gratification, sometimes at the expense of others. The love Paul describes in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 is precisely the opposite. It’s directed at seeking the pleasure and good of others. It means turning aside from seeking what’s pleasurable for ourselves and seeking instead what’s best for others—as Jesus did. As we become more loving, we’re becoming more like Jesus.

Paul Describes Mature Love

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Paul then turns to an analogy of childhood versus adulthood. The things we did and thought as children were pretty important to us then, and we thought we were doing pretty well. But when we become adults, we see how insignificant some of the things that had been important to us were and how poorly we sometimes did them, and we don’t think of things or do things in the same way anymore.

In understanding Paul’s mirror metaphor, it’s important to note that the mirrors of Paul’s day didn’t reflect perfect images. Most likely the mirror he spoke of was of polished metal and would have reflected at best an unclear image. The connection, then, was that now we see the things of God but not very clearly and accurately. When we meet God face to face, our vision will be perfectly clear!

Faith, Hope, and Love Endure

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In 1 Corinthians 13:8, Paul departs from talking about the importance of love and emphasizes its permanence. Other things such as prophecies, tongues, and knowledge will one day be gone. To wrap up this passage, Paul returns to the prominence

of love. He points out that faith and hope are important and will endure. But he echoes the principle of love being over all.

The Jesus Connection

It’s so hard for people who have been corrupted by sin to be loving. Gratefully, we can learn from Jesus’ example of how he lived on this earth.

Read 1 Corinthians 13 again, and make a list of the ways Paul described pristine love. Circle the words you think describe your quality of love. Place a star next to any attributes that you want Jesus’ help to develop in your life. Pray and ask Jesus to improve the quality of your love. You can write your prayer here.





INFANT

**1 GETTING
STARTED**

Sing and Celebrate

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Sing or listen to "Into My Heart" (track 18) anytime during the lesson. During the song, pat a baby's chest when the word "heart" is sung.



Into my heart, into my heart, (*cross hands over heart*)

Come into my heart, Lord Jesus. (*Cross hands over heart; then put arms overhead with palms up.*)

Come in today; come in to stay. (*Motion toward yourself.*)

Come into my heart, Lord Jesus. (*Cross hands over heart; then put arms overhead with palms up.*)

(Repeat 2x.)

Come in today; come in to stay. (*Motion toward yourself.*)

Come into my heart, Lord Jesus. (*Cross hands over heart; then put arms overhead with palms up.*)

"Into My Heart" by Harry D. Clarke.

Sing "God Is Strong" (not on CD) to the tune of "Old MacDonald" anytime during the lesson. Hug baby each time you sing the words "God loves."



God is strong and powerful.

I'm glad God loves me!

God is strong and powerful.

His power sets us free!

God loves you!

God loves me!

Our God's power sets us free!

God is strong and powerful.

I'm glad God loves me!



Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player

Teacher Pack

CD: "Into My Heart"
(track 18)





A Window of Love Supplies

scissors
tape
Teacher Pack
“Love Is Kind” teaching
picture

A Window of Love Easy Prep

On the section of the
“Love Is Kind” teaching
picture with the five
windows, cut out each
window on three sides,
and leave the fourth
side intact. Place this
section on top of the
other section. Align
the windows so that
when they open, they
each reveal a different
picture of the people.
Tape the two sections
together.

Loving Hugs Supplies

doll

2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

A Window of Love

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Sit on the floor with an infant, and place the “Love Is Kind” teaching picture in front of you.

Say: **Paul was a man who knew a lot about Jesus. Paul learned many things about God's love. Paul told everyone that love is kind.** Open the window that reveals the picture of two children hugging. **Look how these children are hugging. They are showing love by being kind to each other. May I hug you? I want to show you that I love you.** Hug the baby. **Jesus wants us to show love by being kind. ► GOD'S LOVE IS KIND.**

3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

Loving Hugs

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Hold an infant on your lap. Gently place a doll in the infant's arms.

Say: **Loving is something you do. Let's do something kind that shows this baby doll that we love her.** Hug the doll. An older baby may follow your lead and hug the doll as well. **Let's do something else to show this baby love and kindness.** Kiss the doll, and then hold the doll so the baby can give a kiss. **It's good to show love. We show our love by doing kind things. ► GOD'S LOVE IS KIND.**

Love Rhyme

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Say this rhyme as you gently bounce a baby on your knees.

**Love is something I will share.
Love shows others that I care.
Acts of kindness day and night—
Love is what makes all things right.**



Weaving Faith at Home

Have children take home their “Growing With Jesus” pages. Encourage parents to do the activities with children to help them grow with Jesus. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

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TODDLER

1 GETTING STARTED

Sing and Celebrate

What You’ll Do

Sing “Into My Heart” (track 18) anytime during the lesson. During the song, lead toddlers in the simple actions.

Into my heart, into my heart, (*cross hands over heart*)
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus. (*Cross hands over heart; then put arms overhead with palms up.*)
Come in today; come in to stay. (*Motion toward yourself.*)
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus. (*Cross hands over heart; then put arms overhead with palms up.*)
(Repeat 2x.)

Come in today; come in to stay. (*Motion toward yourself.*)
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus. (*Cross hands over heart; then put arms overhead with palms up.*)

“Into My Heart” by Harry D. Clarke.

Sing “God Is Strong” (not on CD) to the tune of “Old MacDonald” anytime during the lesson. As you sing, let toddlers make muscles when they hear the words “strong and powerful.”

God is strong and powerful.
I’m glad God loves me!
God is strong and powerful.
His power sets us free!



Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)

Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 13 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player
Teacher Pack
CD: “Into My Heart” (track 18)





Touching Love Supplies

Bible
scissors
tape
Teacher Pack
“Love Is Kind” teaching
picture

Touching Love Easy Prep

On the section of the “Love Is Kind” teaching picture with the five windows, cut out each window on three sides, and leave the fourth side intact. Place this section on top of the other section. Align the windows so that when they open, they each reveal a different picture of the people. Tape the two sections together.

Acts of Kindness Supplies

water bottle
mat
blanket
washcloth
adhesive bandages

God loves you!
God loves me!
Our God’s power sets us free!
God is strong and powerful.
I’m glad God loves me!

2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

Touching Love

What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Open your Bible to 1 Corinthians 13. Sit on the floor with the toddlers, and place the “Love Is Kind” teaching picture in front of you.

Say: **Paul was a man who lived in Bible times. Paul knew a lot about Jesus. Paul knew a lot about God’s love. Paul told everyone that ► GOD’S LOVE IS KIND.** Open the window that reveals the picture of two children hugging. **Love is something you do. Look how these children are hugging. They are showing love by being kind to each other. Can you hug a friend?** Pause for children to hug one another. Then open the window that shows the child kicking a dog.

Ask:

- **Is this child being kind to the dog?**

Say: **I don’t think so. Poor puppy. Can you pet the dog to make him feel better?** Allow toddlers to pet the dog in the picture. **Thank you for showing kindness to the poor puppy. Love is kind.** Open the window to show the family sharing a Bible.

Look how the members of this family are being kind to each other. They are sharing the Bible. Can you touch the family? Allow toddlers to touch the family in the picture. **Love is something we show. ► GOD’S LOVE IS KIND.**

3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

Acts of Kindness

What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Gather a few toddlers around you.





Say: **Let's play a game and show kindness to each other. I'm going to pretend that I have a boo-boo. I think I'll have a boo-boo right here on my finger.**

Ask:

- **Can someone help me put a bandage on it?** Give a child an adhesive bandage, and guide him or her in placing it on your finger.

Say: **How kind of you! Thank you so much. Oh, dear—I think I am getting a headache. Maybe I'd better lie down. Lie down on a mat. I would like to be covered up.**

Ask:

- **Will you help me?** Allow children to cover you with a blanket.

Say: **My head hurts so much. A cool, wet cloth would make me feel so much better.** Guide children in pretending to use an empty water bottle to “wet” a washcloth. Then lie very still while children place the cloth on your forehead.

Say: **Oh, I am feeling so much better. Thank you so much for showing me acts of kindness. You must really love me. ► GOD'S LOVE IS KIND, and God wants our love to be kind, too.**

Shiny, Sweet Hearts

What You'll Do

Give each child a copy of the “Showing Kindness and Love” page.

Say: **Children are being kind in these pictures. They must have hearts full of love.** Point out the various scenes, and discuss what the boys and girls are doing. Set out heart stickers.

All of these children are showing love. Let's give each child a heart. Guide toddlers in attaching heart stickers to the children in the pictures. **Being kind makes people feel good. Being kind probably gives people hearts that are shiny and bright. Let's make the hearts shine.** Uncap a scented lip-balm stick, and guide children in smearing a little lip balm on the heart stickers. **Now the hearts are shiny, and they smell good, too.** Clean sticky fingers with baby wipes, and allow children to smell their pictures.

Doing kind things makes us feel good all over! Kindness shows that our hearts are full of love. ► GOD'S LOVE IS KIND.

Weaving Faith at Home

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Shiny, Sweet Hearts Supplies

- My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Showing Kindness and Love” page (at the end of the lesson)
- 5 heart stickers per child
- scented lip balm
- baby wipes

Shiny, Sweet Hearts Easy Prep

- Remove the Lesson 13 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

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2-YEAR-OLD

1 GETTING STARTED

Sing and Celebrate

What You'll Do ■■■■■■


Sing "Into My Heart" (track 18) anytime during the lesson. Stand with 2-year-olds during the song, and have them bounce at their knees with the rhythm.

 **Into my heart, into my heart,** (*cross hands over heart*)
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus. (*Cross hands over heart; then put arms overhead with palms up.*)
Come in today; come in to stay. (*Motion toward yourself.*)
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus. (*Cross hands over heart; then put arms overhead with palms up.*)
(Repeat 2x.)

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Sing "God Is Strong" (not on CD) to the tune of "Old MacDonald" anytime during the lesson. While singing, let children act out the words—making muscles, hugging themselves and a friend, jumping high.

 **God is strong and powerful.**
I'm glad God loves me!
God is strong and powerful.
His power sets us free!
God loves you!
God loves me!
Our God's power sets us free!
God is strong and powerful.
I'm glad God loves me!



2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

Window Scenes

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Open your Bible to 1 Corinthians 13, and sit with the children on the floor. Hold up the "Love Is Kind" teaching picture.

Say: **Paul lived in Bible times. Paul was one of Jesus' friends. Paul knew all about God's love. Paul told everyone that ► GOD'S LOVE IS KIND.** Open the window that reveals the picture of two children hugging. **Look how these children are hugging. They are showing love.**

Ask:

- **Can you hug someone?** Allow time for hugging, and then open the window that shows the family sharing a Bible.

Say: **Look how this family is being kind to each other. They are sharing a Bible.** Open the window that shows the child kicking a dog.

Ask:

- **Is this child being kind to the dog?** Allow children to respond.

Say: **No, there is no kindness or love here.** Open the window that shows children fighting.

Ask:

- **Are these children being kind?** Pause for children's responses; then open the window that shows a child helping another child stand up.

Say: **Here is an act of kindness. There is love here. Let's act this one out!** Lead children in helping each other up from the floor. **Hugging, sharing, and helping one another are examples of kindness. These acts show love. ► GOD'S LOVE IS KIND, and God wants our love to be kind, too.**

3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

A Heart Full of Love

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Set out the newsprint heart, magazines, and glue sticks.



Window Scenes Supplies

- Bible
- scissors
- tape
- Teacher Pack**
- "Love Is Kind" teaching picture

Window Scenes Easy Prep

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A Heart Full of Love Supplies

- newsprint
- scissors
- magazines
- glue sticks
- tape

A Heart Full of Love Easy Prep

Cut a large heart from a sheet of newsprint.





Love Is a “Do” Word Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Showing Kindness and Love” page (at the end of the lesson)
scissors
fabric scraps
paper
glue sticks
bowls of dry cereal

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Love Is a “Do” Word Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 13 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut two fabric squares and a few 1-inch squares of paper for each child.

Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)

Help children look through the magazines to find pictures of people showing kindness to others. Let children tear out the pictures and glue them onto the heart to make a collage.

Say: **We show kindness when our hearts are filled with love. This heart is filled with loving, kind actions. ► GOD’S LOVE IS KIND.**

Hang the collage where parents will see it as they pick up their children.

Love Is a “Do” Word

What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Give each child a copy of the Lesson 13 “Showing Kindness and Love” page. Set out the squares, bowls of dry cereal, and glue sticks.

Say: **Children are doing acts of kindness in these pictures.** Point out the various scenes, and discuss what the children are doing. **You can help, too. Let’s use these things I’ve brought to help the children do their acts of kindness.**

Guide 2-year-olds in gluing a fabric square “blanket” over the sleeping child. A fabric square can also be glued to the open hamper to represent clothes. Children can wad up the paper squares and glue them to the trash can. Let children glue the cereal to the dog’s bowl.

Say: **There were many things to do in the picture that showed kindness. ► GOD’S LOVE IS KIND.**

Weaving Faith at Home

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Growing With Jesus



Your child learned God's love is kind (from 1 Corinthians 13:1-13). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can use these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

INFANT

Love Rhyme

Say this rhyme as you gently bounce your baby on your knees.

Love is something I will share.

Love shows others that I care.

Acts of kindness day and night—

Love is what makes all things right.

TODDLER

Acts of Kindness

Say: **Let's play a game and show kindness to each other. I'm going to pretend that I have a boo-boo.** Give your child an adhesive bandage, and guide him or her in placing it on your boo-boo.

How kind of you! Thank you so much. Oh, dear—I think I am getting a headache. A cool, wet cloth would make me feel better. Guide your child in pretending to "wet" a washcloth. Then lie very still while your child places the cloth on your forehead.

Oh, I am feeling so much better. Thank you so much for showing me acts of kindness. You must really love me. Love is kind.

2-YEAR-OLD

A Heart Full of Love

Draw a large heart on a piece of paper. Set out old magazines and glue sticks. Help your child look through the magazines to find pictures of people showing kindness to others. Let your child tear out the pictures and glue them onto the heart to make a collage.

Say: **We show kindness when our hearts are filled with love. This heart is filled with loving, kind actions. God's love is kind.**

Hang the collage in your child's room or on the refrigerator.



Kindly Praise

Help your child understand kindness, not only by your actions but by providing opportunities for him or her to demonstrate kind actions. Say things such as "It would be kind to share the doll now" or "Let's be kind and put the toys away." Praise your child for showing kindness, and remind him or her that Jesus loves to see us acting kindly.



Use these ideas to help your child become a FaithWeaver:

- Help your child pet a family dog or cat. Teach your child to touch the animal gently. Remind your child that love is kind.
- Look at a picture book that shows Jesus performing acts of kindness. Talk about how much Jesus desires to do good things for his children because he loves us so much.

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Showing Kindness and Love



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