

Love, Love, Love

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Two major holidays about love occur during the winter: Christmas and Valentine's Day. Make Scripture reading more fun by playing a game that gets people counting and talking.

For

Young Family

Season

Winter

Needed

Bible, one copy of Bible Passages about Love, scissors, bowl, a single die



Prepare in Advance

- Mark your Bible to 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, 13 (or see the text below)
- Gather needed materials as listed above
- Print out one copy of Bible Passages about Love
- Cut out the 10 Bible passages from the Bible Passages about Love, fold them, and place them into a bowl

Activity Plan

1. Say this prayer aloud to begin.

God, thank you for loving us so much. Help us to love you more and each other. Amen.

2. Explain the rules of the game:
 - Each person takes a turn at rolling the die.
 - A number from one to six will appear. As a family, start with the person who rolled the die and count around the circle to your right, counting each family member until you get to the number on the die. For example, if you have four people and someone rolls a six, you'll go around the circle once and then start going around a second time until you get to the number six. This helps young children learn how to count.
 - The person who is the number on the die, such as six, gets to take one Bible passage out of the bowl. That person then unfolds the paper and reads aloud the Bible passage.
 - The person who read aloud the Bible passage then gets to roll the die.
 - Repeat the process.
 - Play the game until all the Bible passages have been read.
3. As a family, talk about these questions one at a time:
 - Why is love mentioned a lot in the Bible?
 - How do you feel when you love someone?
 - Can you love someone and be angry with him or her at the same time? Why or why not?
 - Which of these Bible passages do you like the best? Why?
4. Variation: Play the game again. Instead of choosing a Bible passage, have the person name a person, pet, or something he or she loves.

Bible Passages about Love

Cut out the Scriptures below along the dotted lines. Fold each one.

John 3:16

For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life.

Zephaniah 3:17

The Lord your God is with you; his power gives you victory. The Lord will take delight in you, and in his love he will give you new life.

1 John 4:8

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Galatians 5:22

But the Spirit produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness.

John 13:34

And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

Deuteronomy 6:5

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

1 John 4:11

Dear friends, if this is how God loved us, then we should love one another.

John 15:9

I love you just as the Father loves me; remain in my love.

1 Corinthians 16:14

Do all your work in love.

1 John 4:19

We love God because God first loved us.

