

THE LOVE HYMN

Bible Text: 1 Corinthians 13

Lesson Focus: When we love each other, we are living proof that God is with us.

Big Question: Love is for grown-ups and families. How am I supposed to love the whole world?

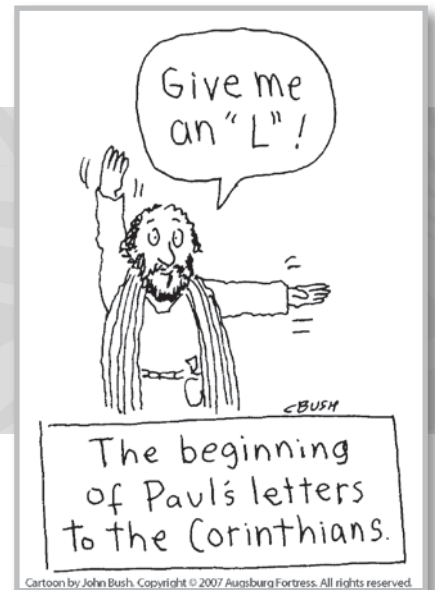
Key Words: LOVE, AGAPE, UNCONDITIONAL

BIBLE CONNECTION

-] 1 Corinthians 13 is frequently used as a biblical reading for weddings, but that groovy love it talks about has very little to do with humans and romance.
-] The Love Hymn is part of a letter to a church in Corinth that needed advice, lots and lots of advice (1 Corinthians 1:2-3).
-] Paul writes about love as the cure for all the infighting and power struggles going on within the congregation. Sound familiar? (1 Corinthians 1:10-11)
-] Paul first wrote about spiritual gifts and then said that the big kahuna of them all is love (1 Corinthians 13:1-2).
-] Paul makes the case that none of us can see God's will and way clearly. We all are, to a certain extent, guessing (1 Corinthians 13:12).
-] It is love that holds us together (1 Corinthians 13:13).

CARTOON CONNECTION

-] In his letter, Paul is cheering for love. What do you cheer for?
-] What kind of love is Paul talking about?
-] In movies and television, characters always seem to be falling in and out of love. What is Hollywood's idea of love?



STUDENT BOOK CONNECTION

Here We Stand Student Book page 126: How to Sing a Hymn

-] What is your favorite song to sing during worship?

LIFE CONNECTION

Put a large sheet of paper on the refrigerator that says at the top "Jesus shows me that he loves me by ____." For each day of a single week, each family member should write one way that Jesus loves him or her. Try not to repeat what someone else has written. At the end of the week, have fun reviewing what everyone has written.

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Word Search

Answer the clues below, then find and circle the words in the puzzle.

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F C O R I N T H I A N S J K S M O I
W F B B V F V L P H X K W O Y L N X
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P S A V Q O B G K A L N I Q V T S S
Q S V L G H R M F V D T O N M H L T

1. Faith, hope, and love abide, but love is the _____.
2. The recipients of Paul's letter containing the Love Hymn.
3. Greek word for unconditional love like God gives us.
4. Word that means absolute and unlimited; it does not change due to different circumstances or events.
5. Where the Love Hymn is often heard.
6. Where the Love Hymn would be more appropriate.
7. A strong positive emotion of deep devotion, regard, and affection.
8. God does not expect us to be _____.
9. Love should not be confused with hormone-induced _____.
10. A great way to express love for God is to help people who are _____.

Answers: 1. greatest 2. Corinthians 3. agape 4. unconditional 5. weddings 6. funeral 7. love 8. perfect 9. lust 10. suffering