

Valentine Countdown

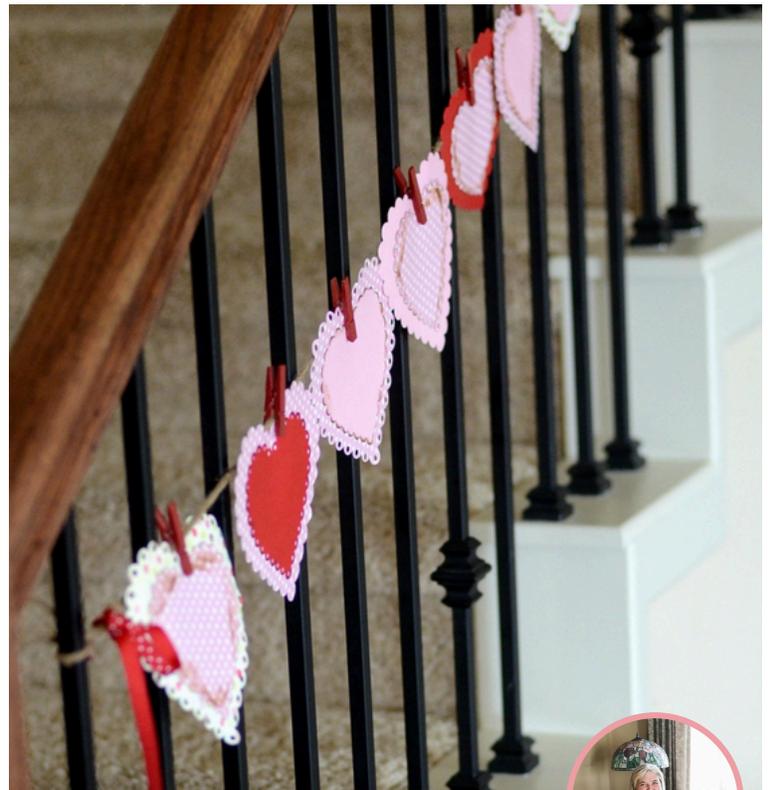
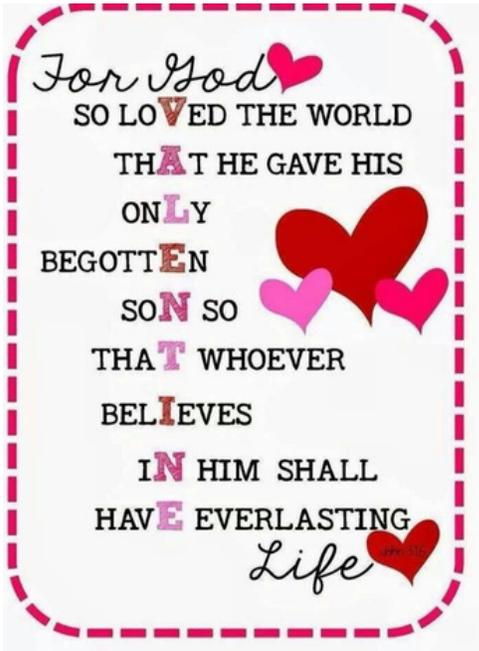
Starting on February 1st, do a countdown to Valentine's Day devotion.

1 Corinthians 13 Valentine Heart Version:

1. Cut out the Valentine's hearts numbered 1-14.
2. Find a central spot in your home to hang a "garland." It can be strung with white or pink string.
3. On February 1st, attach #1 "Love is patient" heart to the string with a clothespin. Read the devotion for February 1st. Memorize "Love is patient."

4. On February 2nd, attach #2 "Love is kind" heart to the string. Read the devotion for February 2nd. Memorize "Love is patient, love is kind."

5. Continue doing this till Valentine's Day. Each day memorize the new portion of the 1 Corinthians passage as you recite and review the previous days. You and your children will have 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 memorized by Valentine's Day.



Memorize

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 account of wrongs. Love takes no pleasure in evil, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.”
1 Corinthians 13:4-7

WEEK ONE:
Valentine Countdown.

February 1st: Love is patient. Read the story of Joseph. Discuss how he was patient while imprisoned and how he was patient with his brothers. What does patient mean? How can you be patient today?

February 2nd: Love is kind. Read the story of the Good Samaritan. Discuss how the Good Samaritan was kind. What does kindness mean? How can you be kind today?

February 3rd: Love does not envy. Read Genesis 37:12- 36. Discuss why Joseph's brothers were jealous. What does envy mean? How can you be content today?

February 4th: Love does not boast. Read the story of David and Goliath. Discuss how David boasts in the Lord, not in himself. What does boastful mean? How can you give God the glory?

February 5th: Love is not arrogant. Read Mark 9:33-37 then Matthew 18:1-4. Discuss. What does arrogant mean? How can you be humble today?

February 6th: Love is not rude. Read Luke 18:9-14. Discuss. What does the word rude mean? How can you be polite today?

February 7th: Love does not insist on its own way. Read Esther 4. Discuss how Esther put her uncle's and her people's needs before her own. What does it mean to be selfish? How can you be selfless today?



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WEEK TWO:
Valentine Countdown.

February 8th: Love is not resentful. Read the story of Cain & Abel. Discuss why Cain was resentful and the consequences of his bitterness. What does resentful mean? How can you be forgiving?

February 9th: Love rejoices in the truth. Read Joshua 7. Discuss the consequences of not being honest. What does honesty mean? How can you be truthful today?

February 10: Love bears all things. Read Raising Lazarus story. Discuss how Jesus was empathetic to Mary and Martha's suffering and pain. What does it mean to "bear all things"? How can you show empathy today?

February 11: Love believes all things. Read Luke 8:43-48. Discuss the woman's faith in Jesus' ability to heal her. What does faith mean? What promises of God can you believe in today?

February 12th: Love hopes all things. Read 2 Kings 4. Discuss the widow's hope. What does biblical hope mean? How can you have an expectant hope today?

February 13th: Love endures all things. Read the story of Jesus' crucifixion and death. Discuss how much Jesus endured for us. What does endure mean? What can you endure today?

February 14th: Love never ends. The greatest of these is love. Read John 3:16. Discuss the verse.



Memorize

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WEEK THREE

Read 1 Corinthians 13: 1-8

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels but have not love, I am only a ringing gong or a clanging cymbal.

If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have absolute faith so as to move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

If I give all I possess to the poor and exult in the surrender of my body, but have not love, I gain nothing.

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WEEK THREE

Read 1 Corinthians 13: 9-13

For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial passes away. 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 set aside childish ways.

Now we see but a dim 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.







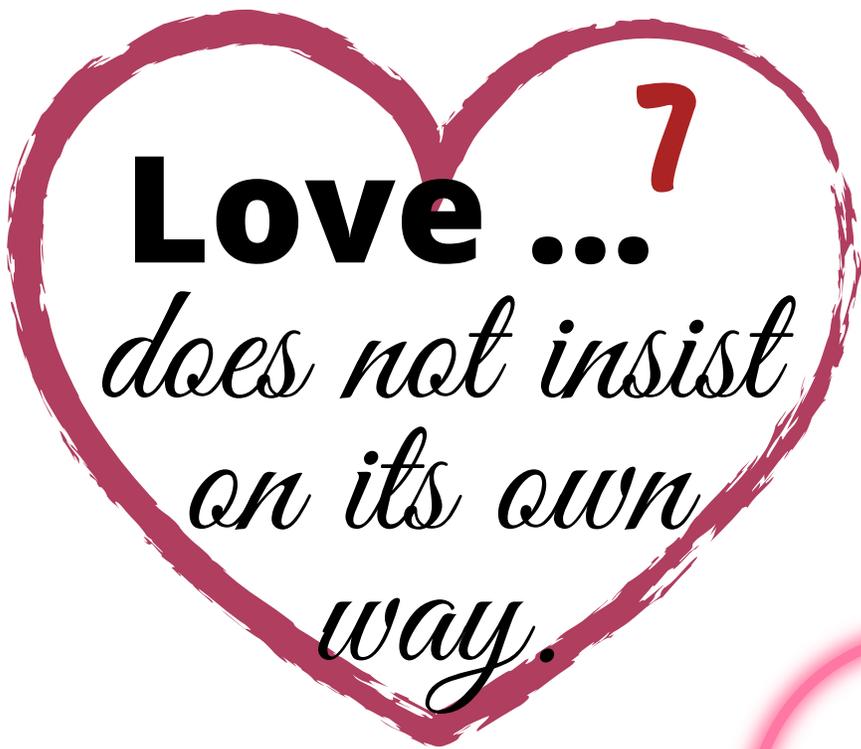
Love ...
*does not
boast*



Love is...
not arrogant



Love is...
not rude



Love ... 7

*does not insist
on its own
way.*



Love is... 8

not resentful



Love ... 9

*rejoices in the
truth*





1.

Love is patient.

Love is kind. It does not envy; it does not boast. It is not proud.

1 Corinthians 13:4



2.

We love
because God first loved us.

1 John 4:19



3.

Love does not delight in what is evil but

Rejoices in the truth.

1 Corinthians 13:6



4.

Love bears all things,
believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13:7



5.

Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13:8



6.

Love your enemies
and pray for those who persecute you so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:44



7.

Keep loving one another earnestly,
since love covers a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4:8



8.

Greater love
has no one than this,
that someone lay down
his life for his friends

John 15:13



9.

Above all these things
put on Love
which binds everything
together in perfect harmony.

Colossians 3:14



10.

Anyone who does not love
does not know God because

God is love.

1 John 4:8



11.

Love your neighbor
as yourself. There is no
other commandment
greater than these.

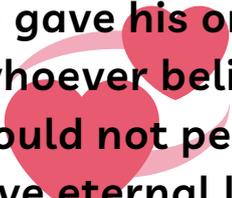
Mark 12:31



12.

For God so loved
the world
that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in
him should not perish but
have eternal life.

John 3:16



13.

Love the Lord God
with all your heart and
with all your soul and with
all your might.

Deuteronomy 6:5



14.

A friend loves at
all times.

Proverbs 17:17



