

Week 1

Day 1: What is Love, Really?

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Devotional:

Have you ever given someone a gift just to get something in return? Or said "sorry" just because you were told to? Sometimes, we do the right things on the outside, but not because we really mean it. The Bible says in 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 that if we speak like angels, know everything, and even give away all we have—but don't have love —we've done nothing that matters. That's a big deal! God doesn't just want us to do good things. He wants us to do them for the right reason. When we help others, say kind words, or go out of our way for someone, we should do it because we love them. And not just love like a warm fuzzy feeling—we're talking about God's kind of love, which is patient, kind, and unselfish. So the question isn't just, "Did I do the right thing?" It's also, "Did I do it with love in my heart?" Jesus is the best example of this. Everything He did healing people, teaching, forgiving, even dying on the cross—was done with perfect love. He didn't do it to get attention or earn praise. He did it because He truly cared. Let's try to love like that —not for show, but from a real, caring heart.

Discussion:

- 1. Why does God care so much about what's in our hearts?
- 2. How can you show someone real love today?Prayer:

Dear Jesus, sometimes I say or do the right things but not with love. Please teach me to love from the inside out. Amen.

Welcome to week 1 of our On The Farm devo!! We are excited to learn about the fruit of the Spirit over the next 8 weeks. This week we are diving into the story of the Good Samaritan and learning about how we can show love with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Day 2: Love is Kind

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:4-5 Devotional:

Imagine this: You're playing your favorite game, and your little sibling wants to play too—but they keep messing it up. You start to feel annoyed. You want to yell, or walk away, or snatch the game back. What do you do? The Bible tells us that love is patient and kind. That means when people are frustrating, love doesn't lose its temper. It doesn't yell or snap or say mean things. Instead, it waits. It understands. It responds with gentleness. That's hard sometimes, isn't it? But that's exactly how God treats us. He doesn't get tired of us when we make the same mistakes. He doesn't stop loving us when we sin. Instead, He patiently waits for us to come back, and He forgives us over and over again. When we choose to love like that, we become more like Jesus. Kindness is powerful. A gentle word can stop an argument. A patient action can help someone feel seen and safe. You never know how one kind word or act can change someone's day—or even their heart.

Discussion:

- 1. Who is someone that's hard for you to be patient with?
- 2. How can you choose love in moments when you feel annoyed or frustrated?

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank You for being so patient and kind to me. Please help me show that same love to others, even when I feel annoyed or frustrated. Amen.



Day 3: Who is my Neighbor?

Scripture Reading: Luke 10:25-37 Devotional:

One day, a man asked Jesus a tricky question: "Who is my neighbor?" He wanted to know exactly who he was supposed to love. So Jesus told a story. A man was walking down a dangerous road and got attacked by robbers. He was left hurt and bleeding. Then, a priest walked by. He saw the man—but kept walking. Another man, a Levite, walked by. He also ignored the man. Finally, a Samaritan came along. He was the least likely person to help, because Samaritans and Jews didn't get along. But guess what? The Samaritan stopped and helped. He paid for the man's care. That's what love looks like. Jesus ended the story by saying, "Go and do the same." This story teaches us that our neighbor isn't just the person who lives next door or looks like us or talks like us. Our neighbor is anyone who needs love. And loving them means more than feeling sorry for them—it means doing something to help. Maybe that means sitting with the new kid at school. Maybe it's being kind to someone who's never been kind to you. That's what love does.

Discussion:

- 1. Why do you think the priest and Levite walked by?
- 2. How could you love someone sacrificially this week? **Prayer:**

Jesus, thank You for showing me that love means action. Give me eyes to see and a heart ready to love everyone. Amen.

Day 4: Love Never Gives Up

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:6-8 Devotional:

Sometimes loving people can be hard. Maybe your friend keeps letting you down. Maybe someone says hurtful things. Or maybe you're tired of trying, and you just want to give up. But guess what the Bible says? Love never gives up. It keeps going. It doesn't stop believing. It doesn't stop hoping. It never fails. That doesn't mean we let people hurt us or treat us badly. But it means we don't stop caring. We don't stop praying. We don't stop believing that God can change hearts including ours. Think back to the Good Samaritan. He didn't just stop to check on the man. He gave up his time, his money, and his plans to make sure the man was okay. That's love that keeps going. And the best part? That's exactly how Jesus loves you. He never gives up on you. Even when you mess up, ignore Him, or feel far away—His love never stops.

Activity:

With help/permission from your parents, put together "loving goodie bags". Put water bottles, snacks, and toiletries in a paper bag and keep them in your car to hand out if you see someone who is in need. Decorate the bag with Bible verses and pictures!

Prayer:

God, thank You that Your love never fails. Help me to keep loving others, even when I feel tired or hurt. Give me strength to love like You, and remind me that You never give up on me.

Memory Verse

"But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)

