

# 4a Communities Love – Bible Story

If I speak in languages of human beings and of angels but I don't have love, I'm a clanging gong or a clashing cymbal.

## Love is the greatest.

If I have the gift of prophecy and I know all the mysteries and everything else, and if I have such complete faith that I can move mountains but I don't have love, I'm nothing.

## Love is the greatest.

If I give away everything that I have and hand over my own body to feel good about what I've done but I don't have love, I receive no benefit whatsoever.

## Love is the greatest.

Love is ...

## Patient

Love is ...

## Kind.

Love isn't ...

## Jealous.

Love doesn't ...

## Brag.

Love isn't ...

## Arrogant.

Love isn't ...

## Rude.

Love doesn't ...

## Think of self before others.

Love isn't ...

## Quick to anger.

Love doesn't ...

## Keep a record of who was wrong.

Love isn't ...

## Happy with injustice.

Love is ...

## Happy to know the truth.

Love ...

## Puts up with all things.

## Trusts in all things.

## Hopes for all things.

## Endures all things.

Love ...

## Never fails.

Now faith, hope, and love remain.

## But the greatest of these is love.

(Based on 1 Corinthians 13:1-13)



# Count the Hearts – Puzzle (Preschool)

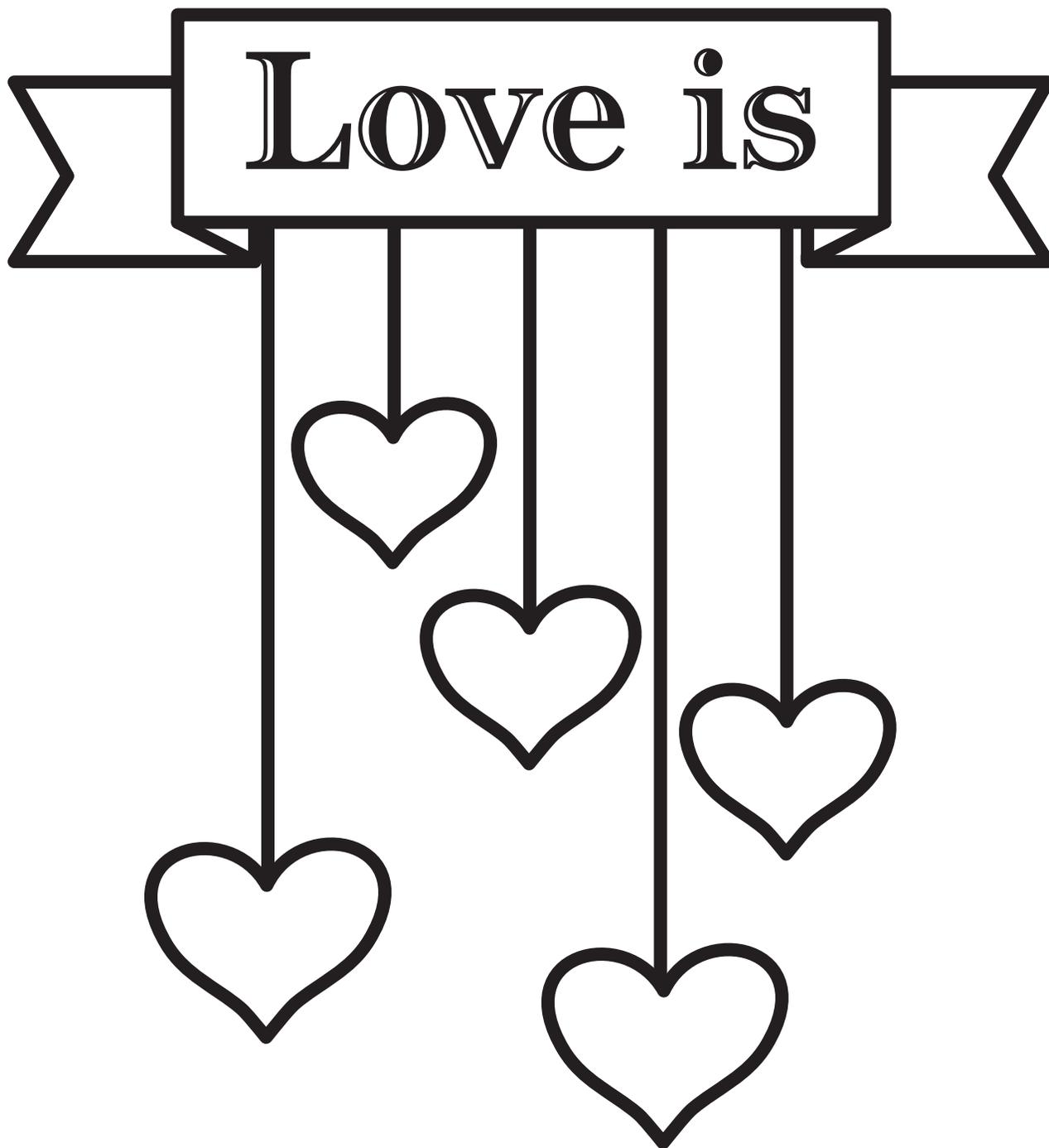
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Count the number of hearts in the picture. Write the number at the top of your paper.



## 4c Fill in the Words – Puzzle (Younger Elementary)

Find 1 Corinthians 13 in your Bible. Choose five things that finish the statement, Love is... from the chapter. Write the five things on the hearts in your picture.



# Heart Map – Puzzle (Older Elementary)

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Fill in your heart with people you love and ways that you show love. Start in the middle of the heart with the most important. Enclose that answer in a shape. Then continue adding answers and enclosing them in shapes, until you have filled all of your heart.



# 4e 3-D Heart – Craft

## Materials:

long heavy colored paper—  
4 different colors

rulers

scissors

glue

string

## Directions:

Cut four different color paper strips of different lengths: 17, 14, 11, and 8 inches

Fold each of the four strips in half and cut on the fold, making two stacks of identical strips.

Glue the four strips together at one end of the strips. Do this for both sets.

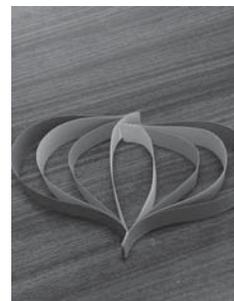
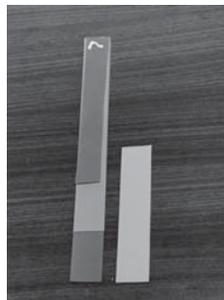
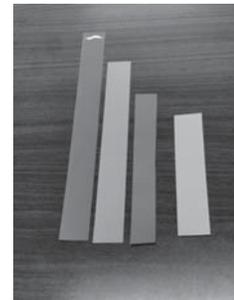
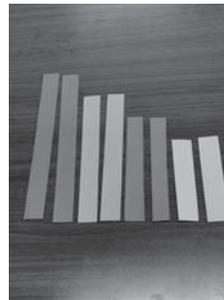
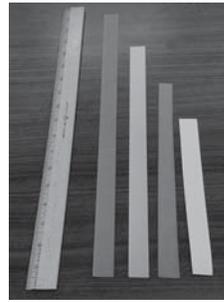
For both sets of strips, glue the other end of the strips together making the strips curve like half a heart.

Join the two sides by gluing one of the ends together making the point of the heart.

Before gluing the top of the heart together, cut a piece of string to hang the heart. Make a loop of one end of the string.

Place the other end of the string between the ends of the sides and glue them together, shaping the top like a heart.

After letting it dry, hang your heart by the loop at the top of the string.



<p><b>Secret Act of Kindness</b></p>	<p><b>Do Something Nice for a Stranger</b></p>	<p><b>Be polite to Others in Public Places</b></p>
<p><b>Volunteer Your Time</b></p>	<p><b>Help Someone Younger Learn a Skill</b></p>	<p><b>Respond with Kindness to Someone Who Is Rude</b></p>
<p><b>Get Involved with Community Activities</b></p>	<p><b>Look for Opportunities to Help Neighbors</b></p>	<p><b>Organize a Community Cleanup Day</b></p>



# 4g Loving God/Loving Neighbor – Faith Family Devotional

## Communities Love

### 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Paul started the church in the city of Corinth, and he stayed there for a year and a half. After he left, the new Christians began to argue about things in the church. Paul wrote the Books of 1 and 2 Corinthians to remind them what was important. In 1 Corinthians 13, Paul taught the church about true love. He said loving others is the greatest way we can show we love God. Paul's words helped the church in Bible times, and they continue to help us today.

### Verse of the Month

Now faith, hope, and love remain—these three things—and the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13

## What Do You Think?

How do you think showing love to others can help you grow spiritually?

How do you show love to each other as a family?

How did Jesus show love to others?

### Family Activity

Read 1 Corinthians 13 from your Bible.

Talk about the things Paul said love is. Then talk about the things love is not.

Make a list of ways you as a family can show love to the people in your community.

### Prayer

Dear God, thank you for loving us. Help us show love and kindness to everyone in our community; in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.