

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Corinthians 13:4-7



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Learning Objectives	The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Love is demonstrated in unselfish deeds for the benefit of others.■ We should treat everyone in the congregation, as well as all mankind, with love.
Bible Text	1 Corinthians 13:4-7

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The “golden rule” is understood as a reference to the words of the Lord in the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus said, "Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets" (Matthew 7:12).

That which Jesus taught His disciples also applies to the congregation.

Jesus said, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you [...] By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another”(John 13:34-35). This instruction to His disciples rises above all other laws of the Bible and mankind.

The commandment to love one’s neighbour, to support one’s fellow human being and to help in situations of need should be especially evident in the congregation.

In Galatians 6:10, the text states, “Let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.” All who belong to the congregation have a duty to treat one another, as well as all mankind, with sincere compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

If we have "love for one another", it enables us to accept our brother and sister as they are (cf. Romans 15: 7), and protects against irreconcilability, prejudices, and contempt.

It is a power that strengthens the unity amongst the members in the congregation, awakens compassion and understanding for one another, and promotes a willingness to help one another.

From the "high song of love" we can read: "Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (1 Corinthians 13:4-7).

Suggestions for the Teacher

Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel...
Let two children play the story of David and Jonathan or Ruth and Naomi in a role-play.
Instruct them before. Provide disguise / fancy dress and additional materials.

Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- Ask the children to describe the behaviours that occurred in the role-play between the two.
- What is the "Golden Rule" of Jesus? (Whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them.)
- What do you think Jesus meant with that?
- What new commandment did Jesus give to us?
(A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.)

Have the children repeat...

- Love is demonstrated in unselfish deeds for the benefit of others.
- We should treat everyone with love; in the congregation, as well as all mankind.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- Ask the children to complete the sentence: *When I love my sister, I...*
- Ask the children to complete the sentence: *When I love my mother, I...*
- Ask the children to complete the sentence: *When I love my Sunday school teacher, I...*
- Ask the children to complete the sentence: *When I love my enemy, I...*

<p style="text-align: center;">Repeat the Message We should love one another.</p>
