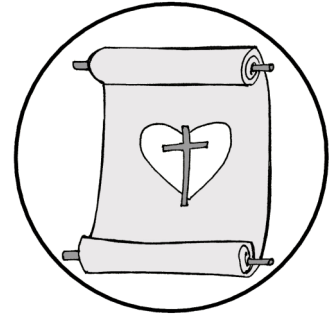


Lesson #2-35*The Greatest of These Is Love*

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

**Key Verse:**

And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.
1 Corinthians 13:13

The Point:

God's love is the greatest gift we can receive and share.

Unit Theme (May 17—May 31)

The Power of God's Love

Practicing Love

Learn resolution skills.

Supplies:

- † Air-dry clay, play dough, or alternative
- † Hand wipes
- † Optional: fold-top plastic sandwich bags

Preparation:

1. Break off pieces of clay and place each, with a hand wipe, in a sandwich bag.
2. If participants will be at home, ideally they would be able to use a clay-like supply that would allow them to mold a human figure, but otherwise any other figurine or similar can be used and the instructions adapted accordingly.
3. Small groups can be family units, video chat groups, or in-person groups.

Instructions:

1. **Today's story takes us back to the city of Corinth, which was the home of a Christian community founded by Paul. Our reading is**

2. **In groups, brainstorm some issues or situations that can bring a community into conflict. What can they do to avoid or resolve conflict? As you discuss, use your clay to create a simple human figure.** Give groups a few minutes to discuss.
3. **Choose one situation, and create a scene that demonstrates it with your clay figures. You can use other items near you (like in your pocket or purse) as props, if you would like.**
4. Give groups about 10 minutes to create and discuss a resolution, then invite volunteer groups to take turns describing their scenes.
5. **Paul did a good job describing the reasons for unity, and the result it would have on the church community. Let's move into our reading to find out what else he told the Corinthians.**