

# Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church

## Preschool Sunday School Material for June 28, 2020

Dear Preschool Parents,

The Preschool Sunday School lesson for Sunday, June 28 focuses on the letters Paul wrote to the church in Corinth. He was telling them about love and what being a Christian, or follower of Jesus, is like, from 1 Corinthians 13:13. *(Main point to take away – Love is the most important thing. It is a sacred and precious gift from God. We have the power to pass on the sacred love of God if we choose. Question – How do you show love?)*

Use the information below to share the story together and do follow up activities with your child(ren). As you share the story, also have a Bible available and show your child(ren) where it is located.

### **Center yourself for your time together by singing:**

#### **Time to Get Together**

*(Tune: The More We Get Together)*

It's time to get together, together, together.

It's time to get together and listen right now.

'Cause we'll hear a story that's found in the Bible.

It's time to get together and listen right now.

### **Read the Bible story together (Communities Living Together):**

**DEEP BLUE** **Loving God, Loving Neighbor** **SESSION 4**

## Communities Love

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

(1 Corinthians 13:13)

**Read the Bible Story Together:** Follow the Suggested Motions



Based on  
1 Corinthians  
13:1-13

Paul sent a letter to the people in Corinth. He wanted to keep teaching them, even though he was far away. *(Wave.)* This is what Paul said in his letter:

**If I don't have love, I'm like a clanging gong or a clashing cymbal.** *(Shout, "Love is the greatest!")*

**If I know everything but I don't have love, I'm nothing.** *(Shout, "Love is the greatest!")*

**If I give away everything that I have but I don't have love, it doesn't make any difference.** *(Shout, "Love is the greatest!")*

**Love is patient. Love is kind.** *(Shout, "Love is the greatest!")*

**Love doesn't brag. Love isn't rude.** *(Shout, "Love is the greatest!")*

**Love isn't grumpy. Love is happy with the truth. Love never fails.** *(Shout, "Love is the greatest!")*

**Now faith, hope, and love remain—these three things—and the greatest of these is love.** *(Shout, "Love is the greatest!")*

**Repeat after me:** *(Love, love, love is good. Love is the greatest! Love, love, love is good. Love is the greatest!)*

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### Follow-Up Activities:

#### Discussion:

Say: Paul is telling the people of Corinth about a special kind of love. This love is called agape. It is the kind of love that God wants us to have for others. It means that you want the best things to happen to that person. You want to make that person happy even if that sometimes means it is hard for you.

Ask: **Do you love others with agape love?**  
**How do you show them that love?**

**Curriculum Video:** (This week's lesson will be E4: Communities Love)

<https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify/video/unitedmethodistpublishinghouse/35799-deep-blue-connects-adventure-summer-2020/35802-lessons/114912-communities-live-together>

#### Songs:

##### **Love, Love, Love is Good**

*(Tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat)*

Love, love, love is good

Loving everyone!

Love, love, love is good

It comes from God above.

##### **The Golden Rule**

*(Tune: The Muffin Man)*

Do you know the Golden Rule?

Golden Rule, Golden Rule?

Do you know the Golden Rule?

that Jesus taught his friends.

## Jesus Told a Story

(Tune: *She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain*)

O-o, Jesus told a story about love.

O-o, Jesus told a story about love.

Give your friend a helping hand;

Love God all you can.

O-o, Jesus told a story about love.

O-o, Jesus told his people to forgive.

O-o, Jesus told his people to forgive.

Listen and forgive,

That's how God wants us to live.

O-o, Jesus told his people to forgive.

O-o, Jesus told of helping one another.

O-o, Jesus told of helping one another.

If God's helpers we would be,

We'll help those we see in need.

O-o, Jesus told of helping one another.

O-o, Jesus told a story about prayer.

O-o, Jesus told a story about prayer.

Take time every day

To turn to God and pray.

O-o, Jesus told a story about prayer.

## I Am A C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N

I am a C

I am a C-H

I am a C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N

And I have C-H-R-I-S-T

In my H-E-A-R-T

And I will L-O-V-E

Love Him all the T-I-M-E

Time

**Story video** (Watch or read *Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister. Talk about how sharing what we have with others is a way we show agape love.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QFORvXhub28>

## Finger Plays:

### Showing God's Love

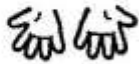
## SHOWING GOD'S LOVE

God shows His love to me.



I show God's love to you,

By (sharing blocks and toys),



And speaking kindly, too.



Substitute other phrases for words in parentheses, such as "taking turns with you" and "letting you choose first."

### Be Kind

## BE KIND

Look at my friend!



And then look at me!

We share and take turns



To be kind, you see!

Reproduce the "Kindness Award" from the Award/ Message Patterns on p. 171. Keep awards on hand and give them to children from time to time as you see them acting in kind ways.

## If I Love You

# IF I LOVE YOU

If I love you, and I show it, I'll (share my toys).

If I love you, and I show it, I'll (share my toys).

If I love you, I will show it, here's the way that you will know it:

If I love you, and I show it, I will (share my toys).

Invite children to think of other sharing actions to use in the activity.

**INSTANT SONG:** Sing to the tune of "If You're Happy and You Know It."



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## Paper Craft Activities:

- **Greatest Is Love Mobile** – Paper Craft Activity (See the second to last page for this activity sheet.)
  1. Print the sheet
  2. Cut out the hearts. Color them if you wish.
  3. Cut 2 pieces of yarn that are 5 to 6 inches in length. Tape one end of each piece of yarn to the bottom of the large heart.
  4. Then tape each small heart to one end of the yarn
  5. Add a loop of yarn to the top of the large heart so you can hang your Mobile.
- **Bible Verse coloring sheet** (See the last page for this color sheet.) – Print and color. Talk with your child about where our Bible verse is found. The 13 hearts will remind us that it is found in the thirteenth chapter and the thirteenth verse of 1 Corinthians.

## Snack Activity:

When you and your child(ren) have a snack or meal together, practice being kind to one another and pass food to serve each other.

## Play Activity:

- **Paul Says** (version of Simon Says) Play a game of Paul Says. Remind your child(ren) that Paul helped the people in the early churches learn what it means to be a Christian, a follower of Jesus. Paul still helps us today when we read from the Bible what he wrote to the churches long ago.

## Bubble Prayers:

- **Bubble Prayers** – If your child has enjoyed this activity, then continue to enjoy it together as you say prayers for your neighbors. Praying for others shows agape love. To do the activity --- Get a bottle of bubbles and gather your family outside. Explain that you are going to pray with bubbles. You each will take a turn by saying a prayer out loud and then blow bubbles to the sky. You can help your child see their bubbles (prayers) floating up to God.

## **Blessing and Prayer Time:**

**Blessing:** Have your child hold out their hand and trace a heart on the back of their hand as you say the following; *(You can also use something like lip balm, soap, lotion, etc. to draw a heart on the back of their hand as you say the following blessing.)*

Say: \_\_\_\_\_ (child's name), **may you always remember the to follow Jesus.**

**Prayer:** (It might be something like)

Dear God, thank you for blessing me and teaching me how to live my life following Jesus so that I can love my neighbor as myself. Amen.

## **Faith Family Follow-Up activities to use through the week (See below and on the next page):**

Note: For the Family Time activity – It references creating a space called a “Love Filing Station” to collect “Acts of Love and Kindness” If you do not own a copy of a previously suggested book, *Have You Filled A Bucket Today?* By Carol McCloud, or if you have not previously read it or watched the video of it – here is a link to it on YouTube. Watch this video together and then set up/or continue to add things to your “Acts of Love and Kindness” filling station. Video of the book can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3EuemNAo6XE>

**DEEP BLUE** **Loving God, 4** SESSION  
**Loving Neighbor**

## Faith Family Activities



### Mealtime

**Be Together:** During mealtime, take turns saying a prayer for someone you love.

**Wonder Together:** What do you think Paul meant when he said love is the greatest?



### Family Time

**Be Together:** Add your acts of love and kindness to your “love filing station.” Have a celebration treat for doing so many acts of love and kindness.

**Wonder Together:** Do you feel filled with love?



### Serving Time

**Share Together:** Make “Someone Loves You” heart cards to share with a neighbor or friend.

**Wonder Together:** How do you feel when you share your love with someone?



### Bedtime

**Be Together:** Read “Communities Love” on the other side of this sheet and do the suggested motions together.

**Wonder Together:** What ways can you share love with others?

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**Additional Serving Time activities Continue** – Here are the additional serving activities in addition to the one listed above in the picture.

**Additional service activities –**

- A. Sign your child(ren) up to be a “phKids Honorary Team Captain” for the Arkansas Food Bank Cereal Drive – email Cindy Burns ([cburns@phumc.com](mailto:cburns@phumc.com)) to sign up! Then make a monetary donation and/or get others to donate to our team page (each dollar buys 1-box of cereal to feed hungry children!) Donation webpage is the following: <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E202274&id=15&cfid=132&fbclid=IwAR3t4gbEX8qWt9s7kAw1mAnj9jdj6HkZ0oOFN1MIFjGpWsx4oEotbltwpo>
- B. The children’s book donation that I previously mentioned will continue through the end of August or end of September. These books can be used right away. (See pic. on next page.)
- C. Or you can donate diapers to the church for our monthly diaper drive.

FYI - This book drive will continue through the end of August and maybe on into September!

Second donation location has been added!

\*\*\*Remember to gather at 10:30am to watch our Sunday morning service on KATV!\*\*\*

## Greatest-Is-Love Mobile

Punch out the large red heart below. Color and punch out the two smaller hearts. Tape two five- to six-inch pieces of yarn to the bottom of the large heart. Tape a smaller heart to the end of each piece of yarn.



## 1 Corinthians 13:13

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