

*Lesson 5*

*May 2*

*Reading: 1 Corinthians 13; Ephesians 4:11-16; Matthew 22:34-40; Luke 6:27-38*

*Luke 6:27-38*

*1. Fill in the blanks- vs 27-28*

*\_\_\_\_\_ your enemies*

*\_\_\_\_\_ to those who hate you*

*\_\_\_\_\_ those who curse you*

*\_\_\_\_\_ for those who spitefully use you*

*2. Be prepared to explain in class what the Lord was trying to tell His followers in verses 32-34.*

*3. In this context the Lord names 3 things we need to do to be sons of God. What are they? vs35*

*Matthew 22:37-38*

*4. What did Jesus say is the first and great commandment?*

*1 Corinthians 13*

*5. Fill in the blank to summarize verses 1-3.  
Without \_\_\_\_\_ nothing you say or do matters.*

6. *List 5 characteristics of love from verses 4-8. Explain each of the 5 in your own words.*

7. *Now abide faith, hope, love, these three, but the greatest of these is -----.*

8. *How would the world be different if everyone tried to practice what we've learned about love in 1 Corinthians 13?*

Memory verse for May 5:

*'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind'. Matthew 22:37*

## Lesson 5 – Love

**Text: 1 Corinthians 13**

**Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:13**

### Prayer

**Recite Memory Verse:** “And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”

### Background

Ask each student when his or her birthday is. Then ask them how they know that is their birthday. Explain that this is faith in what their parents tell them is true. In the same way, we have faith in what God says in His word, that it's true. Next, ask what they usually look forward to on their birthday (gifts). Ask if they've ever had a birthday where they didn't receive a gift. Explain that this eager expectation is the same as hope, namely, our hope of heaven. It's more than a wish; we expect to receive it because we believe the promises and live according to God's written will.

### Body

Read new memory verse to students. Ask if anyone knows why “the greatest of these is love”. Remind students of the song we sing called “God is love”. If God is love, and we are made in His image and should always try to be like Him, then we should “be love” or act in love also. 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7 helps us to see how we can act in love. Discuss each one of these verses with the students and have them insert their name each time the word love is used and see if they act in this way.

### Activities

Explain to students that in for the next couple of days, you want them to keep track of the ways in which they demonstrate a loving way of living. Provide the printed version of 1 Cor. 13:4-7 for them to take home and use as a reference to see the ways they can act in love. When they return to class on Wednesday, ask them to share ways in which they acted in love and put a heart with their name on it on the wall chart of the verse beside each thing they did.

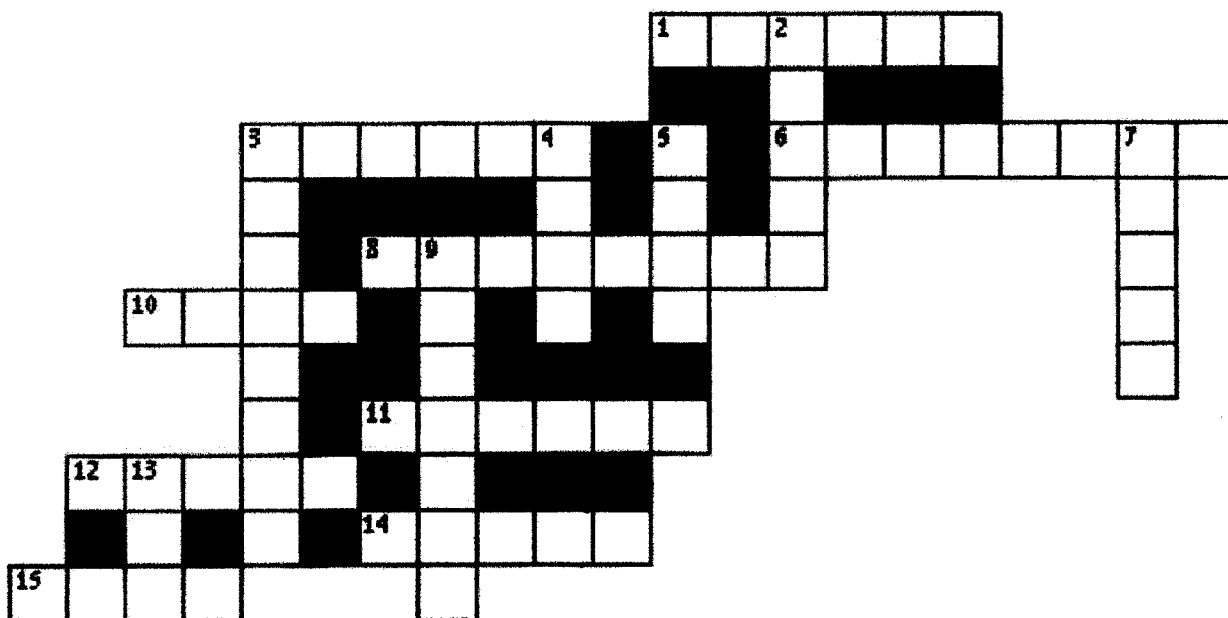
### Wednesday Night

Continue the above activity, discussing ways the students acted in love over the past 3 days and rewarding them for it by putting their name on the wall chart.

**Recite Memory Verse**

Text: 1 Corinthians 13

**Memory Verse:** "And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13



- 15 ACROSS "Love suffers long and is \_\_\_\_." **1 CORINTHIANS 13:4**
- 5 DOWN "Love does not \_\_\_\_." **1 CORINTHIANS 13:4**
- 3 ACROSS "Love does not \_\_\_\_ itself." **1 CORINTHIANS 13:4**
- 1 ACROSS "Love is not \_\_\_\_ up." **1 CORINTHIANS 13:4**
- 11 ACROSS Love "does not behave \_\_\_\_." **1 CORINTHIANS 13:5**
- 13 DOWN Love "does not seek its \_\_\_\_." **1 CORINTHIANS 13:5**
- 3 DOWN Love "is not \_\_\_\_." **1 CORINTHIANS 13:5**
- 4 DOWN Love "thinks no \_\_\_\_." **1 CORINTHIANS 13:5**
- 6 ACROSS Love "does not rejoice in \_\_\_\_." **1 CORINTHIANS 13:6**
- 7 DOWN Love "rejoices in the \_\_\_\_." **1 CORINTHIANS 13:6**
- 14 ACROSS Love "\_\_\_\_ all things." **1 CORINTHIANS 13:7**
- 8 ACROSS Love "\_\_\_\_ all things." **1 CORINTHIANS 13:7**
- 12 ACROSS Love "\_\_\_\_ all things." **1 CORINTHIANS 13:7**
- 9 DOWN Love "\_\_\_\_ all things." **1 CORINTHIANS 13:7**
- 2 DOWN "Love never \_\_\_\_." **1 CORINTHIANS 13:8**
- 10 ACROSS "And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is \_\_\_\_." **1 CORINTHIANS 13:13**