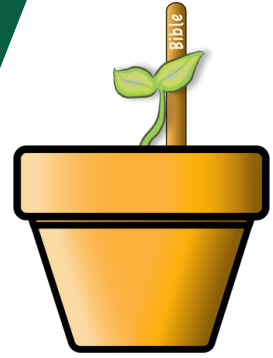


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Lesson for Life: Love

"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends." —John 15:13

William Carey was a missionary to India from 1793-1834. After his first wife died, he married Charlotte Rhumohr, a young Danish countess. She had been 17 when she had woken in the middle of the night to a fire in the castle where she and her parents lived. Instead of escaping the flames, she rushed through them to warn her parents! Everyone escaped alive, but Charlotte's legs were badly burned and she remained sickly and crippled the rest of her life.

What about you? Would you make that sacrifice for your family if you were in a situation like Charlotte's? I hope so! But loving others doesn't always mean sacrificing your health or dying for someone. It is usually encouraging, helping, and serving others.

If you don't feel like loving someone, remember that "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8), and that "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." (Romans 5:5)

Information from *William Carey* by Janet and Geoff Benge and [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Carey_\(missionary\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Carey_(missionary))

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Character Verses: Love

Look up and read these bible verses in the ESV, then fill in the blanks.

Proverbs 15:17

Better is a dinner of _____ where _____ is than a fattened _____ and hatred with it.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Love is _____ and kind; love does not envy or _____; it is not arrogant or _____. It does not _____ on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not _____ at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the _____. Love bears all things, believes all things, _____ all things, endures all things. Love never_____.

1 Corinthians 16:14

Let _____ that you do be done in _____.

1 Peter 4:8

Above all, _____ loving one another earnestly, since _____ covers a multitude of _____.

1 John 4:18-20

We love because he _____ loved us. If anyone says, "I love _____," and hates his _____, he is a liar; for he who does not _____ his brother whom he has _____ cannot love God whom he has not seen.

Challenges

Read: *Jim Elliot-One Great Purpose* or *Nate Saint-On a Wing and a Prayer* by Janet and Geoff Benge.

Outdoors: Go camping, hiking, or spend the afternoon with a parent, brother, or sister you don't spend much time with.

Outreach: Write a loving note to someone every day with a bible verse you think would encourage/challenge them.

Activity Page

1 Corinthians 13 Word Scramble

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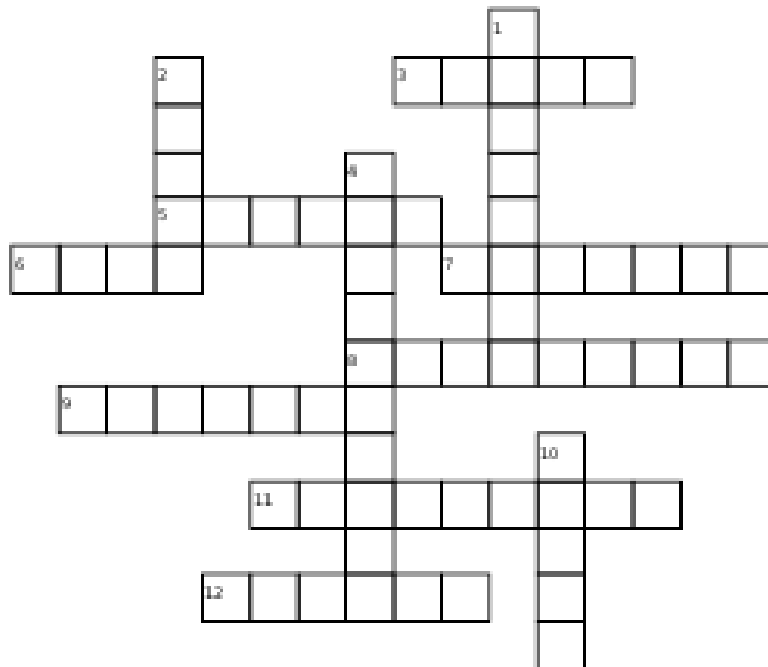
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Love Crossword



Down:

1. The first characteristic of love in 1 Corinthians 13
2. Greek word for unconditional love
4. a synonym of love that starts with c
10. For God so loved the _____, that he gave his one and only Son

Across:

3. Love the Lord your God with all your _____
5. Greek work for brotherly love
6. faith, _____, love
7. I say to you, love your _____
8. a synonym of love that starts with a
9. Greater love has no one than this, that one lays down his life for his _____
11. Love your _____ as yourself
12. Love keeps no record of _____

Character-Building Activities

Choose one or two of these activities (more if you want) and do them!

A. **Read** through the book of Proverbs by yourself or with your family. Look for verses about friendship and getting along with others. Write down what the Proverbs teach about this topic, and memorise one or two of the verses.

B. **Look up** the meanings of each of the qualities of love in a Greek or English dictionary etc., and use them to write a paraphrase of 1 Corinthians 13:1-8.

C. **Study** 1 John, marking repeated words (love, hate, light, darkness, write/writing etc.) with different colours or symbols. Write a list of the main things you learn about love. How can you apply them?

D. **Read** 1 Corinthians 13:1-8. How can you show godly love to your brothers and sisters? Parents? Grandparents? Friends? 'Enemies'? Others that you know? Choose some of these categories of people. Write out each characteristic of love, and beside them list specific, practical ways you can show love to each of those people. Put at least 5 of these ideas into practice each day.

E. **Read** *The Four Loves* by C.S. Lewis.

F. What words and actions of others communicate love and care to you? **List** specific ways in which love is shown to you. Ask family members and friends to share ways in which others make them feel loved. Does everyone have the same answers, or do different people feel loved in different ways?

Adapted from *Polished Cornerstones* published by Doorposts

Note to the Reader

You have probably noticed that this edition is shorter than usual. You have all been waiting a long time for this first electronic edition, so I wanted to get it out as soon as possible. I hope to expand back to eight pages in the next edition.

Due to being held up by internet issues and being busier with school and other things this year, I may start producing GROW bi-monthly instead of monthly. I will let you know in the next edition if the frequency will change. Thanks to everyone for your patience, to my dad for helping me, and to Mr. David Vernon for designing my new logo. :)

Sophia Coleman, editor