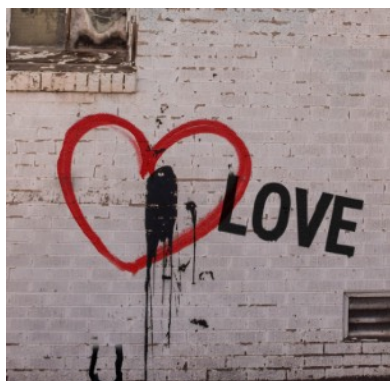


PARENT PARTNER

WEEKLY PLAN

Week 1: Love Is Patient



“And the greatest of these is love...” In 1 Corinthians Paul reminds us of the centrality of love. It is both our best understanding of God’s nature, and the most noble virtue to bestow upon on our children. In this first week we examine how patient love is and as a parent how difficult that feature is to muster by our own strength. Seek God’s will this week in prayer, scripture, and conversation.

PRAYER TIME

THIS IS YOUR DAILY SCRIPTURE:

1 Corinthians 13: 4-5 Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, is not boastful, is not arrogant, is not rude, is not self-seeking, is not irritable, and does not keep a record of wrongs.

THIS IS YOUR DAILY PRAYER:

Loving God, your love is patient, may I show patience to my children and spouse. God your love to me is always kind, give me an attitude of kindness to everyone around me. God your love does not envy, help me exhibit this characteristic to my family and friends. True love is not boastful and with your grace help me live like you in this way. God may my love not be arrogant or rude in any way. Help me not be self-seeking or irritable. I know because of your love for me that love does not keep record of wrongs and so may I have your grace towards my family.

DRIVE TIME

CONVERSATION

PARENT PRE-READING: *Ephesians 4:2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,*

CONVERSATION STARTER: I was reading in Ephesians 4:2 and it talks about with humility and gentleness with patience bearing one another in love. How might learning to have more patience with others teach us about God's love for you and for me?

DINNER TIME

CONVERSATION

STARTING QUESTIONS

If you had to explain to your younger self *what love is*, what would you say to them?

READ THIS TOGETHER

Read 1 John 4:16 And we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and the one who remains in love remains in God, and God remains in him.

SCRIPTURAL APPLICATION QUESTIONS

When you hear a phrase like "God is love" what comes to your mind?

Do you think what God views as true love is the same as what the world might call love? Why or why not?

How does loving other effect our relationship with God? How is our relationship with God effected when we choose not to love others?

ACTIVITY TIME

SERVING KIND OF LOVE

Jesus shows love by laying down his life. He also shares that the He came not to be served but to serve others. As a family find a specific way to serve together this month. This could either be through your church's ministry or a local organization. God loves all people, not just the people we are around most days. Help your child see the need to love and the value of serving others in their community, together.