

Pebbles of Truth

Family Worksheet

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Today is Valentine's Day ... the day we celebrate love. Here are a couple of ideas that you can use to celebrate the love in your family:

After dinner, or before bed, get the whole family together for a time to talk about love. You might start by asking the question ... what is love? Is it a feeling ... an emotion ... is it actions ... is it an attitude ... it is all of those things ... then transition by saying: "Let's see what the Bible says love is ... "

Read the Truth:

Turn to I Corinthians 13: 1 – 7, (the love chapter) and ask each family member (who can read) to read one verse ... keep reading round robin until you're finished.

Love... is patient, is kind. does not envy, does not boast, is not proud. is not rude, is not self-seeking, is not easily angered, keeps no record of wrongs. Does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. Always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails ...

Talk about it:

Using the list below to help ... lead a short discussion about each trait that describes the type of love God wants us to have for one another ... what does patience look like ... what does kindness look like? etc ...

Love is ...

- **Patient:** doesn't need it right now ... is willing to wait
- **Kind:** being nice, mild, gentle, considerate, helpful and good natured
- **Not jealous:** doesn't want what somebody else has ...
- **Does not boast:** doesn't brag or show off
- **Not proud:** someone who is humble ... doesn't need to be the center of attention
- **Not rude:** behaves politely ... says please and thank you ... is respectful.

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- **Does not delight in evil:** doesn't celebrate when bad things happen to others ...
- **Is not self seeking:** is not always looking for the biggest and best ... taking the biggest piece of cake ...
- **Is not easily angered:** doesn't yell, name call, hit or hurt ... because they don't get real mad real fast
- **Keeps no record of wrong:** ... does not remind others of what they have done wrong ... how they hurt them ... doesn't keep score
- **Protects:** to defend or guard from attack, invasion, loss, annoyance, insult, to cover or shield from injury or danger
- **Trusts:** you can always rely on this person to look out for your best interest
- **Hopes:** ... someone who wants good things to happen for you ... I hope you have a good game or recital ...
- **Perseveres:** ... true love never stops loving ... it doesn't quit!

Now move the conversation to how you are seeing this kind of love within your family ... ask each member to share how they have seen and experienced any of these traits of love at home ... here are some questions that may help:

*Who in our family has shown you patience recently: how?
 Who in our family has showed you kindness ... what was it?
 Who didn't make you feel bad when they could have? ...
 Did anybody protect you?*

Build a family strength:

Make sure everyone in your family has been acknowledged as showing some love! Affirm and thank all of the family members and remind them that you are blessed to have love present in your family.

Prayer prompts:

Close your family time in prayer (1) thanking God for His love for you as individuals and a family ... that he is patient and kind. (2) Thank Him for each member of your family and how you love each other ... and then (3) ask the Lord to help your family to love each other in such a way that we will make our neighbors notice our love for God!

If this was helpful let us know via email: feedback@pebblesoftruth.com

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