

CHARACTER TRAIT: LOVE

FINISH LINE: Knowing God loves us helps us trust His Word

SCRIPTURE: 2 Chronicles 34

ACTIVITY 1: MEMORY VERSE GAME

SUPPLIES: Ball to either toss or kick

EXPLAIN: All you need for this game is a ball. Say one phrase of the verse. Have your kid repeat the phrase with you. Then, toss (or kick) a ball back and forth. As you toss the ball, say one word of the phrase. Your kid will catch the ball and toss it back to you, saying the next word. Play again, varying who starts the phrase, until your kid knows the phrase by memory. Then, repeat this game with the next phrase of the verse and continue until you both know the whole verse!

Multiple kids? Stand in a circle and toss or kick a ball back and forth as you say the words. You can choose to have the whole group or individuals say the words with each pass.

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

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a NIV

ACTIVITY 2: LESSON REVIEW

SUPPLIES: Bible, paper, writing utensil

DIRECTIONS: Just as King Josiah read God's Word, we are going to read the Bible and see what God wants to teach us about love. Take a sheet of paper and divide it in half by drawing a line down the middle. Look up and read Deuteronomy 7:6-9 together. On one side of your page, write down what you learn about God's love for Israel in the verses. Brainstorm ways you have seen God show you love in your life and write those down on the other half of the page. Then use the questions below to talk more about how knowing God loves us helps us trust His Word.

- What do you learn about God in these verses? (*God chose Israel and saved them because He loved them, not because of things they had done. God keeps His promises and is always faithful.*)
- What do these verses tell you that God wants us to choose to do? (*Look at verse 9. He wants us to love Him back and one way we can do that is by trusting and following His Word.*)
- How can reminding yourself of God's love for you help you trust what He says in His Word?
- What is one way you can love God this week by trusting His Word?

Nothing we can do will ever make God love us more or less. His love is perfect, and He loves us no matter what. He wants us to choose to love Him, and He shows us how we can in His Word. God wants us to trust Him and obey His Word, not because we are "supposed" to, but because we believe He is good, He loves us, and His way is best.