

ELEMENTARY DISCUSSION GUIDE

CHARACTER TRAIT:

LOVE

DEFINITION:

Love is patient, kind, and lasts forever

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**

FINISH LINE:

Knowing God loves us helps us trust His Word

READ: 2 CHRONICLES 34:14-21, 29-33

WHAT DOES IT SAY? (OBSERVATION)

1. What was found when they were fixing the temple? (*The Book of the Law of the Lord*)
2. Look at verse 30. What did King Josiah do? (*Read God's Word to the people*)
3. What did Josiah promise to do? (*Obey the Lord and His Word with all his heart and soul*)
4. Reread verse 21. What made King Josiah so sad? (*God had given them the book because He loved them so much. They had promised to obey Him but later chose to go their own way instead of following what God said was good. He had a right to be angry with them.*)
5. What did Josiah promise to do in verse 31? (*He promised to obey God's Word with all his heart and soul.*)

WHAT DOES IT MEAN? (INTERPRETATION)

1. Why do you think it was a big deal that they found this book? (*Back then not everyone had a copy of the Scriptures. Usually only the king, the priests, and other special people would get to read them.*)
2. Reread verse 33. What is an idol? (*Anything we make more important than God*)
3. How did Josiah show love to God by tearing down all the idols? (*He was telling God that nothing was more important than Him.*)

WHY DOES IT MATTER? (APPLICATION)

1. What are some idols or things in your life you sometimes make more important than God? (*Examples: The newest game, your favorite team, your friends, getting good grades, your family, etc.*)
2. God loves you so much and wants to be most important in your life! How can you start to "tear down" some of your idols today so you can love God with all your heart, soul, and strength?