

CHARACTER TRAIT: LOVE

SCRIPTURE: Luke 15:11-32

FINISH LINE: God loves you no matter what

ACTIVITY 1: MEMORY VERSE GAME

SUPPLIES: Dry erase board, mirror, dry erase marker, post it notes, memory verse cards from week one

SET UP: Write out the entire verse someplace everyone can see it. You could use the cards you made week one, write out the verse on post it notes, or use a dry erase board or mirror.

DIRECTIONS: After you've written it out, say the verse all together. Then start removing words from the verse. After you have removed 1-2 words, say it again. Keep repeating until all the words are gone but you can still say the verse from memory!

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: Two pieces of paper, memory verse, and two different colored writing utensils

DIRECTIONS: Write out this month's memory verse, 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a, on a piece of paper. On a second piece of paper, draw a T-chart. At the top of one side of the T-chart write, "LOVE IS..." On the other side write, "LOVE IS NOT..." Also grab two different colored crayons or markers. Start by looking at the page with our memory verse. Circle all the words that say what love IS in one color. Write these words or phrases on the half of the T-chart that says, "LOVE IS..." Now using the other color, underline the words that say what love IS NOT. Write these words or phrases on the T-chart under "LOVE IS NOT..."

ASK:

- Which of these words describe the kind of love the father had for his sons in Luke 15:11-32 and the love God has for you?
- Which of these words would you use to describe the sons?
- Have you ever acted in a way that was not loving, just like the two sons? Can we ever love someone perfectly like God does? Why not?
- Look up John 3:16 and Romans 5:8. What other words can you add to your chart that describe God's perfect love for you? How does it make you feel knowing that God loves you like this?
- What other verses do you know about God's love? (Check out Deuteronomy 7:9, Psalm 36:5-7, Zephaniah 3:17, Romans 8:37-39, and Ephesians 2:4-5.)