

## 4 Day Devotional of 1 Corinthians 13 for kids.

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This will be a 4 day look at 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. Read it at the start of every day and take time to memorize the verse that you are covering for that particular day.

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### **Day 1 – 1 Cor 13:4**

Love is patient, Love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. (Every other question, go over this verse again and again. This will help your child memorize it.)

What does it mean to be patient?

Who have you seen in your life that's been really patient?

Think of a time when someone at school showed you kindness.

Who can you be kinder to?

To envy means that you want something that someone else has. It could be a talent, a toy, or really anything. When we have envy, we are not happy for someone else, but angry that they have something we want. Have you ever been envious of someone?

Boast and Pride go together. Bragging about how good we are...or thinking we are better than we really are. Why is boasting and pride such a bad thing? Why is it not loving?

Think of one person that you can be more patient and kinder with this week. Pray and ask God to help you.

### **Day 2 – 1 Cor 13:5**

It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. (Every other question, go over this verse again and again. This will help your child memorize it.)

What does it mean to dishonor others?

Why is it so easy to be self-seeking? What are some ways that people do that?

Notice it says that love is not easily angered...but sometimes, it's okay to be angry. Jesus gets angry, and he never once sins. What it takes to make us angry and what we do when we are angry is very important to monitor. What can we do to not be so "easily angered?"

Sometimes when people argue, they bring up every mistake a person ever made. They use it to win the argument or make the other person feel bad. This is not what love does. When we forgive someone, we should do our best to move on and use their mistake to constantly make them feel bad. Is there anything you have not forgiven yet?

### **Day 3 – 1 Cor 13:6**

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. (Every other question, go over this verse again and again. This will help your child memorize it.)

Jesus wants us to love all people. This means we should not be happy when someone gets hurt or something bad happens to them. This is what the Bible means when it says, 'Love does not delight in evil.' What is a loving response if someone gets hurt?

Another way that people sometimes 'delight in evil' is by laughing when someone is being made fun of. We don't like being made fun of, and we shouldn't celebrate someone else getting made fun of either. What should you do if you see one of your classmates being bullied?

Think about the way that we treat teachers, parents and coaches. Sometimes we delight in being disrespectful and mean to them. How can we be sure that we treat the grown-ups in our lives the way they should be treated?

Take time to pray for kids in your class that are treated poorly and pray for God to give you strength to look out for them (you may have to help your child pray – depending on their age and comfort level).

### **Day 4 – 1 Cor 13:7**

It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. (Every other question, go over this verse again and again. This will help your child memorize it.)

Love always protects...Part of your Mom's and Dad's job is to protect you physically and spiritually. How do Moms and Dads do this?

Who can you try and help protect? How can you protect them? (think of the bullied student that you prayed for yesterday).

Love always trusts...who should we always trust? (God...parents)

Love always hopes...what do we as Christians hope for? (getting to live with God forever in Heaven) What made this possible? (Jesus dying on the cross for our sins)

Love always perseveres...this means that love will go on forever and ever. It will never go away. God's love for us will never fade, and he asks us to grow in love for Him more each and every day. Take some time to pray together as a family, thanking God for His great love!