

Love is a choice, not a feeling or emotion.

It is a choice to meet the needs of others.

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We can learn about love from the One who is love.

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

John 13:34

Parents / Teens

BEST USE

An activity for a parent and teen to compare Biblical love with various things in the physical world

ADVANCE PREP

A smart phone or computer with web access for each person, paper and pen/pencil for each person and a favorite treat to award the winner

Step One

Gather at a table, living area or office in the home. Each participant will need a device to search online. You can use a family friendly search engine like *kidrex.org* for safety.

Step Two

Say, "Today we are going to have a contest to see who can list the most types of apples in three minutes. Use the agreed upon search engine to discover as many as you can. You must be able to show a picture of any apple you list if asked for proof." Set a timer giving everyone three minutes to complete the task. Identify who won the contest and provide proof if needed. Award the treat to the winner. Ask the following questions...

- · What was your favorite apple and why?
- · What do all the apples have in common?
- · What was the most unique type of apple? Describe it.

Step Three

Now do the same activity WITHOUT a web search. Instead open the Bible to 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. Using these hints, spend three minutes listing different expressions of love. Ask, "What do all these expressions of love have in common?" Examples may include "Not about self" and "Meets another's need."

Step Four

Have each person describe one way they can show love this week from the list in the 1 Corinthians passage.

Step Five

Finish your time praying together asking God to help each person show love in a variety of practical ways this week.