

## **Sunday School Lesson: LOVE**

**Age Group:** Preteens (Ages 10-12)

**Theme:** Loving Like Jesus

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### **Scripture Focus**

#### **1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NIV)**

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

It does not dishonor others, 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."

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### **Introduction**

Love is more than a feeling—it's an action! Jesus taught us how to love others the way God loves us: with patience, kindness, and forgiveness. Sometimes, showing love means going out of our way to help someone, choosing kindness over anger, or forgiving even when it's hard. In today's lesson, we'll discover what real love looks like and how we can show it in our everyday lives.

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### **Story: "The Kind Lunch Trade"**

Tyler was excited about his lunch—a peanut butter and jelly sandwich with a cookie, his favorite! But when he sat down in the cafeteria, he saw his friend Mateo quietly staring at an empty lunchbox. Mateo had forgotten his lunch again.

Tyler felt bad but didn't want to give up his cookie. Then he remembered what his Sunday School teacher had said about love: "Love is kind and puts others first." He sighed, opened his lunchbox, and gave Mateo half his sandwich and the cookie too. Mateo's face lit up. "Thanks, Tyler! You're the best."

Tyler smiled. He felt full in a different way—not just in his belly, but in his heart.

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### **Discussion Questions**

1. What are some ways love is described in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7?
2. How did Tyler show love to Mateo in the story?
3. Why do you think it was hard for Tyler to give up his cookie?

4. Can you think of a time when you had to choose to love someone even when it was difficult?
5. What does it mean to “love like Jesus” in school, at home, or with friends?
6. How can you practice patience and kindness this week?