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life on another level

# Student Workbook

**YEAR 1**

**Life and Action**

**Love**

**Bible Readings**

Galatians 5

1 Corinthians 13

1 John 3

John 15



### Learning Outcomes

At the end of this week you will be able to:

- Locate the theme of love in the Bible
- Express the theme or story in your own way
- Apply your learning from the story to your own family and community

### Notes from Bible Reading

**Scripture** A word or phrase that stood out to me:

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**Observation** What is happening in this Bible reading?

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**Application** Something that I learned about who I am or how I should live:

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**Prayer** What I would like to say to God, ask of God, or what I think God is saying to me:

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**Key Question** What does the Bible say about love?

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### Engage

Go around the group and share one thing for each heading that has happened since you last met :

- Plus – What has been good or enjoyable ?
- Minus – What has been difficult or painful ?
- Interesting – What has been unusual or thought provoking ?

Brainstorm “What words or ideas or pictures come to mind when you think of the word love?” Get some poster (or butcher or A3 sheets of) paper and record it down. Try to get at least 40 different words.

### Explore – Locate

- *What stood out to you in the Bible readings this week?*
- *What did you find meaningful or significant?*
- *Is there anything that you didn't understand or found confusing?*
- *Any questions or comments you may have?*

**Read together:** 1 Corinthians 13

Love is one of those words that can mean so many different things.

“I love chocolate” means something very different to “I love my mum” or to saying “I love you” to the person you think will be your partner for life.

Languages other than English have different words for different types of loves, but as we are largely English speakers and readers, it is sometimes useful to make sure we are clear of what we mean when we talk about love.

So these passages show what the Bible has to say about what it means and how important it is.

Galatians 5 is often titled the “Fruits of the Spirit”, and these are the key qualities shown by someone who is in an actively relating to God and working with Him in life.

- How important is love in this list?
- How important is love among the spiritual gifts (or special powers) that God gives to his followers in 1 Corinthians 13.
- What are the qualities of love?
- Will loving others always mean others will respond the same way?

### Explore – Express

Choose a popular love song at the moment (you might need to find out from the internet what all the lyrics are). Then rewrite it to express more of what love is like from the Bible.

Or you might like to write your own song from scratch.

Before you begin, write down all the things the Bible says about what love is and like from these passages. You might want to discuss the following while doing this:

- Is love more than just a feeling?
- Do we only love when we feel that way?
- Will loving others always mean others will respond the same way?

### Explore – Apply

- What is one new way you can love more like God this week with one of your family members (even if they don't deserve it) and carry it out?
- Who is one person you need to be more patient with this week and how will you do that?
- Who is someone new you will pray every day this week for that their lives will be blessed?

### Extend

Discuss with your group the challenges you are tackling. Use the time to ask for any help you might need, or to work together on any shared projects you may have.

#### Questions that may be helpful include:

- What challenges are you working on at the moment?
- Do you need any support or assistance?
- Are there any challenges that you have completed that we need to recognise and celebrate?
- Are there any new challenges that you want to work on?

### Encourage

Tell another student in your group something you value or appreciate about them.

Share one thing you would like to pray for and pray for one another.

Pray 1 John 4:11-16

*Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.*

*No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.*

*We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world.*

*If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God.*

*And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.*

*God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.*