
“Loving Others = DISCIPLE”

Children’s Message from John 13:34-35



This creative children’s sermon uses the acronym **DISCIPLE** to explain what it means to love others.

God wants us to love everyone and people should know that we love them. The Bible is very specific about loving other Christians.

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. (John 13:34-35)

Jesus knew that people would be watching us to see how his disciples treated one another. When the world looks at your group in children’s church or Sunday School, what do they see? Do they see kids that act like Christ’s disciples or do they see something else? That’s a great question to pose to your students.

Show them what the above verse means with the Loving Others Object Lesson.

What You’ll Need

Dry erase board, Eraser, Dry erase markers, Easel

Prepare to Teach

Place the dry erase board on the easel if needed. You could also hang the board where the kids can see it in your teaching area. Write the word **DISCIPLE** at the top of the board in large letters.

DISCIPLE = Loving Others Message

Hey everyone! This week we are going to talk about this bible verse. Let's read John 13: 34-35.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

As you can see, Jesus was very specific about how people would know that we were his disciples. They would recognize our great love for one another. On the board I wrote a word. What does that say? (Disciple!)

That's right. I thought it would be fun to play a word game to explain what being a true disciple of Jesus might look like. Let's go through these letter by letter. (Allow kids to guess what each letter stands for. Follow the chart below and write the word or phrase under the correct letter.

D- Devoted to Chris: A disciple doesn't walk away from his brothers and sisters. He loves them no matter what.

I- Involved: A disciple of Christ cares about other disciples. He or she gets involved in the good things that are happening around him.

S-Spirit: The Holy Spirit lives in all disciples. He keeps us full of peace!

C-Christ-centered: No matter what, Jesus is the center of everything.

I-Invites others to meet Jesus. A true disciple of Jesus invites others to meet Jesus.

P-Prays for other disciples. That's love, through and through!

L-Loves at all times. Even when it is hard to do so, a disciple loves other disciples.

E-Encourages other disciples. If you follow Jesus, you must be an encourager!

John 13:31-35 NIV

When he was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

³³ “My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴ “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” -John 13:31-35

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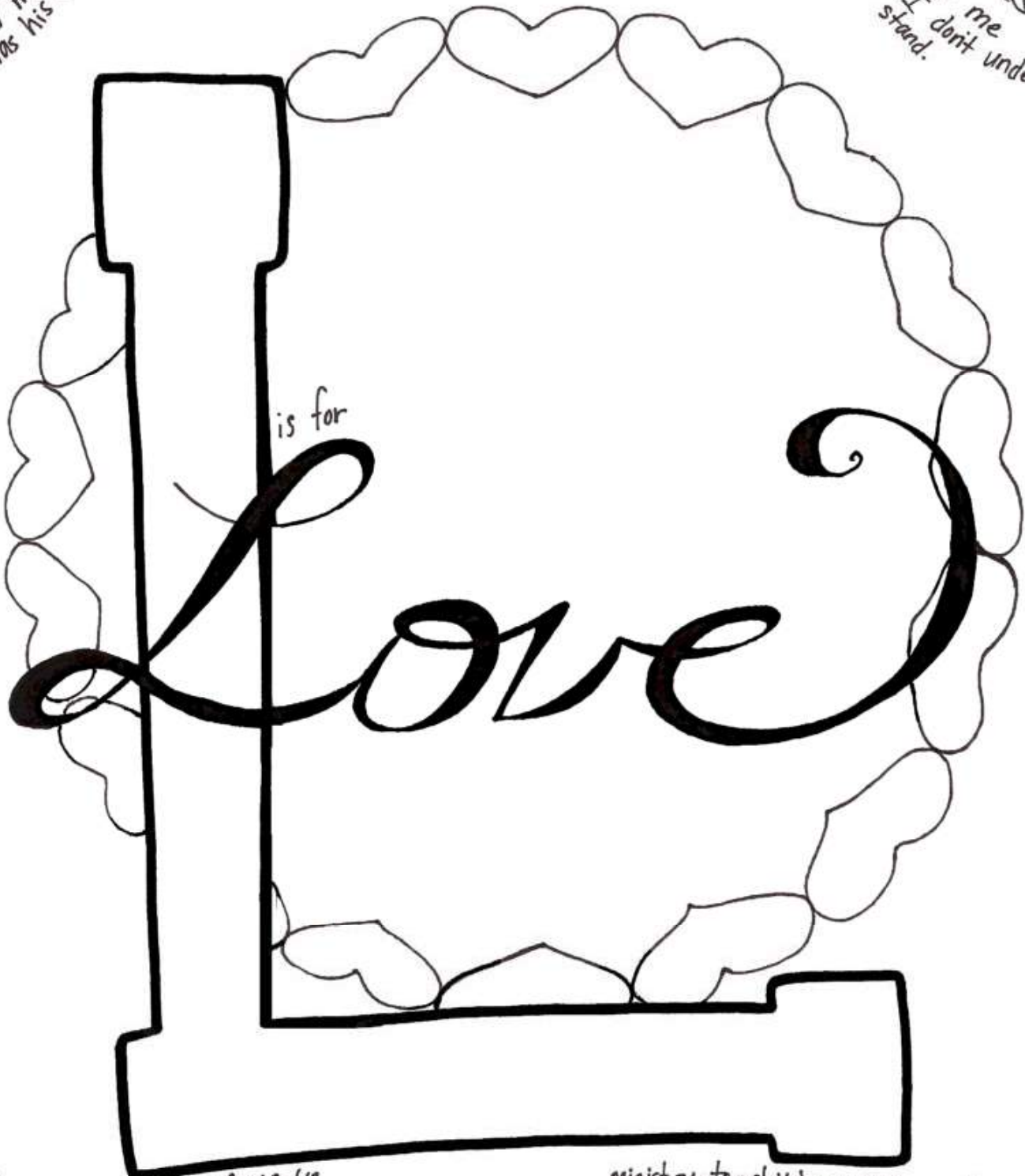
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He loved me when I was his enemy.



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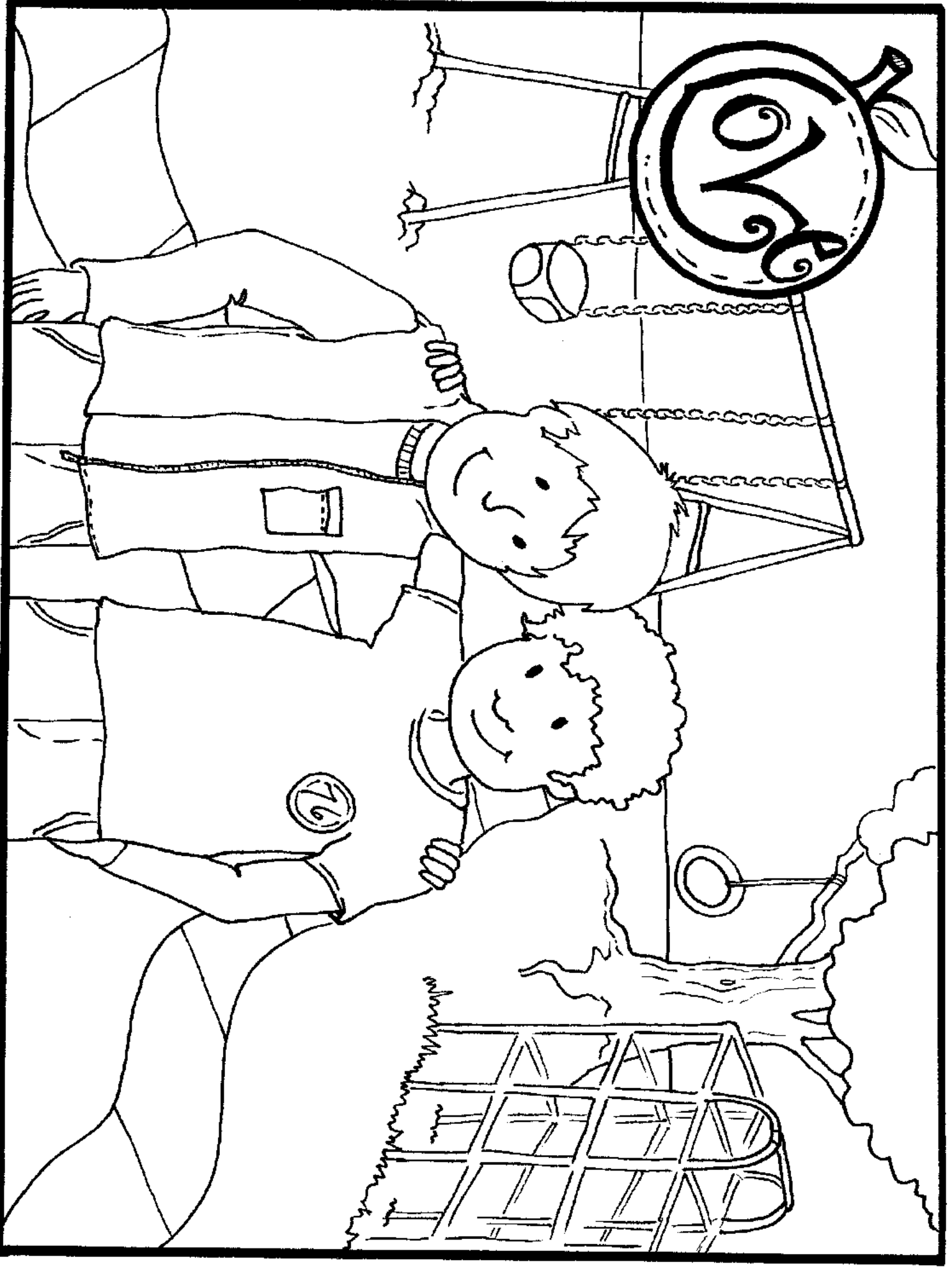


He loves me in my weakness.

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Learn About Love

What Did John Say About Love?

Read the verses and answer the questions.

John 13:34 – What does Jesus command us to do?

1 John 4:7 – Who does love come from?

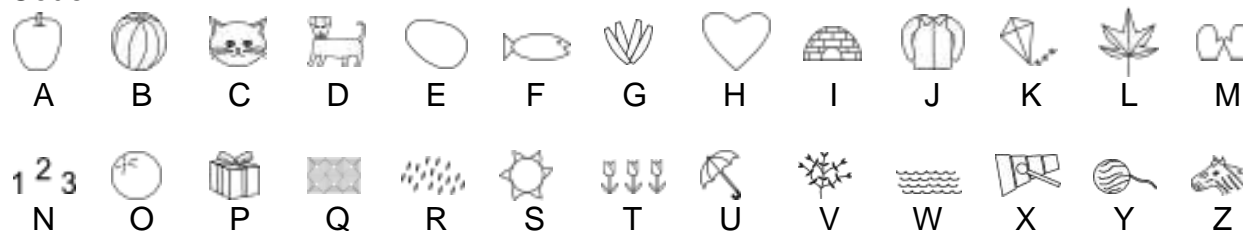
1 John 4:9 – How did God show his love for us?

1 John 4:11 – Why should we love one another?

Why Should We Love?



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What Did Paul Say About Love?

1 Corinthians 13 (written by Paul) is called the love chapter because its words describe how to show love to others.

Unscramble these words that describe love.



Word List: CONCEITED, ILL-MANNERED, IRRITABLE, JEALOUS, KIND, NOT, PATIENT, PROUD, SELFISH

How Can You Show Love?

Showing love is more than just saying "I love you" or giving a gift to someone.

Draw a line from each story to a way you can show love.

If this happens...

You are working puzzles with your little sister. She takes longer to finish than you do.

Your friend gets a new popular video game for his birthday.

Your mother asks you to put away your Legos and help her set the table.

Your brother asks to play with your action figure.

You can show love by...

Not being jealous of your friend

Not being selfish with your toys

Not being irritable to your mother

Being patient with your sister