

TITLE OF GAME: LOVE

Bible: 1 Corinthians 13:6 (NIV)

SUPPLIES

- Upbeat Music

GAME PREP

Have the list of commands on hand to use throughout the game.

HOW TO PLAY THE GAME

Say: Raise your hand if you have a really good friend.

Having friends is a gift and something you shouldn't take for granted.

In the game we are about to play, I hope you can make some new friends!

For each round of our game, the music will begin to play and you will move around the room.

When the music stops, I will say a number and a command.

You will get into a group of that number and then do what I said—and I will only say it once.

You will need to stay in the position of the command until I tell you to stop.

If you are left without a group, unfortunately, you are out of the game.

The last people left in the game are the winners.

Play the game until there are not enough students to keep playing.

If you have less than ten students, have the kids play as individuals and whoever is the last person to complete the action is out of the game.

LIST OF NUMBERS AND COMMANDS

- **2 – HOLD HANDS**
- **4 – ELBOW TO ELBOW**
- **3 – HIGH FIVE**
- **2 – HEAD TO HEAD**
- **4 – FOOT TO FOOT**

- **2 – LEAP FROG**
- **3 – DOSEY DOE** (link arms and spin in a circle)
- **2 – WHISTLE**

Repeat the commands until there are only a few kids left and then declare the winners.

TEACH

Ask: What is something you own that you love more than anything in the whole world?

Allow a few responses from students.

Choose one thing that a student mentioned and use it for the following example.

One of you said that you really love _____.

Let's list some things that someone could really love about _____.

Help the students name several love-able qualities about that thing.

It's no wonder that you LOVE _____.

_____ sounds pretty awesome!

Now, what if I gave you some reasons that you shouldn't love _____?

And what if the things I said weren't true?

That would really hurt, because _____ means a lot to you.

Don't worry.

I'm not going to say anything bad about _____.

When you really love something or someone, it's hard to see them treated badly.

Read 1 Corinthians 13:6.

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

This Bible verse reminds us about what love really is—the kind of love that God has for us and the love we should show to others.

God isn't happy when bad things happen to us, because He loves us.

And we shouldn't be happy when we see bad things happen to others.

You might be thinking, “I would never do that.”

But here’s an example of what that looks like in your life.

Your brother or sister is really mean to you and then they get in trouble.

Does that make you happy or sad?

What about when someone bullies you at school and when they turn to walk away from you, they trip and fall?

Sometimes it can be tough not to be happy when we feel like someone deserves to be punished or face the consequences for their actions.

But God doesn’t feel that way about us.

In fact, He shows us mercy and grace when we ask for it—even though He doesn’t have to.

Demonstrating true love means you show mercy and grace to the people in your life who you feel don’t deserve it.

Then, you are loving others the way God loves you.