

Acts-Revelation

1st Corinthians

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Younger Verse

How can a young person keep his way pure? By living according to Your Word. Psalm 119:9

Older Verse

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Welcome Time

All of us have had times where we disagreed with someone. In today's lesson, Paul talks to some people in the church that are fussing about things. Let's see what he says.

Bible Story

*The following is a summary of the Bible story to help you with your preparation. It is **NOT** to be read to the children. Instead, use your Bible to explain the story. Make a note page to help you remember your plans for the lesson or questions you wanted to ask.*

First Corinthians is another letter that Paul wrote. It is written to the people in the church at Corinth. Corinth was a city in the country of Greece. (Show them a map that has Greece so they can see where it is.) (The kids may realize that Greece is where the summer Olympic games are being held in 2004.)

Paul lived in Corinth for over a year and helped start a church there. He loved the people very much. After he worked there for a while, Paul moved to help other people learn about Jesus.

Now, this letter was written 5 years later. Paul wrote this letter because he heard about all the disagreements that the people in the church were having. He wanted to give them solutions to their problems.

Some of the people were arguing over which leader was the best. Paul shared with the people that they should not fight or fuss about which leader is best. He explained that they should not be jealous of others or compare who was best. He explained that we must be united together. He shared that the church should work together to help people believe in Jesus Christ.

Next, Paul told the church to stop doing sinful things. The people had begun to do things that were very wrong. Paul reminded them that

Lesson Goals

See what we should do when we have a disagreement
What is the most important quality we should have (Love)

Jesus wanted us to live our lives in a way that pleased God. Paul shared how sin separated them from God and how Jesus was the only way to get rid of our sin.

Sin separates us from God, too. God is pure and holy. He will not allow anything dirty into His presence. God made a way for us to be clean. God sent His only Son, Jesus, to pay the price for our wrongs. Jesus died on a cross for all the wrongs we have done. He can wipe away all our dirty sins by asking Him to forgive us, and come into our lives. Jesus will come into our lives and help us live for God. He promises to stay with us forever and take us to Heaven to be with God one day. If you want to know how to be forgiven of your wrongs, talk to us about it.

Paul also shared about one of the most important qualities that we need to have. It is LOVE. First Corinthians 13 shows us what a person should do if he loves others. He/she must be patient, kind, not envious, not boastful, not proud, rude or self-seeking. A person that loves is not easily angered, keeps no record of wrong, rejoices in good things, protects, trusts, hopes, and perseveres. Most of all love never fails. Paul shared with the church that they should have these qualities. When they showed love to others, they could work out their problems and be a family of believers again.

We can also learn a lesson from 1st Corinthians 13. We must care for others and not try to be “better” than others. Paul tells us that together we work to help people know about Jesus. We may all have different ways that God has made us. We all must work together to help more people believe in Jesus!

Learning Activities

Look up some of the verses in 1st Corinthians 13. Talk about some of them together.

Memory Verse Activities

Paul shared that we must live pure lives and not sin. This verse tells us how. Talk about it.

Prayer Time

Ask God to help us love others this week and have the qualities of 1st Corinthians 13.

Clean Up/Snack time

Share snacks together and talk about the lesson.

Planning for August 8th
2nd Corinthians

Preschool Lesson
For
1st Corinthians

We have been talking a lot about a man named Paul. Paul loved God very much and wanted others to know and love Him. He wrote letters to people in churches to help them with problems they had.

Paul wrote a letter to a group of people in a town called Corinth. That is why the letter in the Bible is called Corinthians.

Paul told them to make sure they were nice and kind to each other. Some of them had been arguing. Paul told them to stop arguing and work together. Most of all, Paul told them to love each other. He shared that when you love someone, you are kind to them and don't remember any wrong things they have done.

God wants us to love others too. We must be kind and caring to others and help them know that Jesus loves them.

Sing a song to God telling Him how much you love Him.

Here is another song from songs4teachers.com
To the tune of "Row, row, row your boat."

Love feels good inside,
To know that someone cares.
It's great to have and great to give,
And better when it's shared.

Hands-On Activities
For
1st Corinthians

Sing a song about 1st Corinthians 13.

Play a sport together. Share how everyone must work together as a team to win. Explain that as Christians, we must work together to help others believe in Jesus.

In 1st Corinthians 12, Paul explains that as Christians, we have special gifts that God has given us. Talk about how some people are teachers, others are helpers etc. Share how everyone has a part to make up the body of Christ. Just as our body has many parts—eyes, ears, hands, etc., as Christians, we have many ways we all help together.

For older kids, compare/contrast true love God's way with love that we see today in entertainment magazines. List God's way on one side and Our way on the other. This should provide a great discussion time!

Paul shared with the people that we cannot have sin in our lives. Talk about how we can be right with God and what we need to do when we sin (ask forgiveness and start doing right).
