

SANDALS CHURCH KIDS

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⁴LOVE IS PATIENT AND KIND. LOVE IS NOT JEALOUS OR BOASTFUL OR PROUD ⁵OR RUDE. IT DOES NOT DEMAND ITS OWN WAY. IT IS NOT IRRITABLE, AND IT KEEPS NO RECORD OF BEING WRONGED. ⁶IT DOES NOT REJOICE ABOUT INJUSTICE BUT REJOICES WHENEVER THE TRUTH WINS OUT. ⁷LOVE NEVER GIVES UP, NEVER LOSES FAITH, IS ALWAYS HOPEFUL, AND ENDURES THROUGH EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE.

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Patient & Kind

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Envy, Pride & Dishonor

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Anger & Forgiveness

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Evil & Truth

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Hopes & Believes

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Love Never Fails

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FOR PARENTS

Love Is Parenting Challenge

This challenge is meant to encourage and challenge you as a parent to teach, show, and celebrate living a life of love as described in the Bible. Each week, we'll give you ideas on how to teach, demonstrate, and celebrate Christlike love at home and in your community based on the weekend message - **follow us on Instagram @sandalskids for these updates!**. By combining teaching, demonstrating, and celebrating, we can help our children understand and embrace Christlike love in a meaningful way, building a strong foundation.

Why do we need to teach our children the characteristics of Biblical love?

Because Biblical love goes against what the world often tells us about love. To love like Jesus, we need to understand what God says about love, allow the Holy Spirit to transform us, and put these principles into practice in our relationships. By grounding our children in the biblical definition of love, we hope to cultivate families that show Christlike love in their interactions with others.

How do we do this? We teach, model, and celebrate!

TEACH

We start by exploring what the Bible says about love, focusing on passages like 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a. There are many ways to teach children about love, such as reading Bible verses together, discussing their experiences of love, playing games, reading books, asking questions, watching shows or movies, doing crafts, or listening to podcasts.

MODEL

Simply teaching isn't enough; we must also demonstrate love to our children. We can show patience by taking a breath instead of reacting harshly, display kindness by considering their perspective when frustrated, combat envy by cultivating gratitude, manage anger by addressing our triggers, and practice forgiveness by admitting mistakes and asking for and giving forgiveness.

CELEBRATE!

Behavior that is celebrated is repeated. When we notice and praise our child for taking a breath before reacting, telling the truth when it's hard, or being kind to a sibling, it reinforces a culture of Biblical love within our homes and communities. Celebrating can be as simple as giving a high five, a hug, or a compliment!

INSTRUCTIONS: Pull off the "Teach" and "Model" tabs every week as you practice modeling and teaching Biblical love with your children. Not only can you celebrate your child, but celebrate yourself, too!