

Discovering God on Route 66

LESSON #46

LOVE OTHERS

PREP: Read the verses **Romans 15:1-3,7** and **Romans 13:9, 10** to become familiar with the lesson.

Consider examples you can share from your own life of how you show love to others.

Print the apple sheet on cardstock – white or red. Cut apart 8 apples for each child that will attend. *(Alternate idea: Use a die cut machine with an apple pattern - like at a scrapbook store/studio.)*

Print the sheets with leaves and with branches. *To make the work quicker for children, you can print the leaves on green paper.* Each child that attends will need both sheets.

Gather supplies for the Care Craft. You will need: crayons, thin dark colored markers, scissors, glue sticks or liquid glue, and tape.

Think ahead about unique, positive, short, encouraging comments you can give each child.

Print the 10 Bible verses. Cut them apart and glue them onto a piece of colored poster board in two columns of five.

Print the word answers on card stock or poster. Cut them apart into 10 sections. Add adhesive Velcro to attach the word answers to the verses. *(Use tape as an alternative.)* You will need a set of verses and answers for each team of up to 10 children.

Copy FUNSHEETS A and/or B to pass out to the children. *Copy A on card stock!*

PRAY: Begin today's lesson with a prayer that God will give the children a true love for others.

BIBLE: Have the children turn to **Romans 15:1-3, 7**. Let 4 volunteers read these verses aloud as the other children follow along.

Talk about the Bible verses that have just been read. *Ask:*

Verse 1:

"Who does the Bible say we are not to please all the time?" *(Ourselves.)*

Verse 2:

"Who does the Bible say we are to please for their good and edification?" *(Our neighbor - others)*

"Why?" *(To build them up and encourage them.)*

Verse 3:

"Who did Christ please while He was here on earth?" *(He did not come to earth or do things while on earth to please Himself. He pleased others and God. He even pleased those who hurt Him because He died for everyone's sins.)*

"Who does a little baby want to please most of the time?" (*Himself or herself*)

"Why does a baby want to get everything their own way?" (*Everyone on this earth, other than Jesus, was born with a sinful nature. Thus, we all want to have our own way most of the time.*)

"What does the Bible call doing things 'our own way'?" (*SIN – Isaiah 53:6*)

"Then how do we obey what the Bible says and please others rather than pleasing ourselves?" (*First by accepting Jesus as our Lord and Saviour. Then we need to renew our minds with godly things like church, prayer, and the Bible. Also, pray to God for help.*)

Verse 7:

"Who is the Bible telling us to accept?" (*Others – Everyone.*)

"Why?" (*Because we also do wrong and sin – yet God loves us! He accepts us when we come to Him.*)

"Who are we really praising when we love and accept others?" (*God! If we sometimes find it difficult to accept or show love to others, remember, God is the one we are showing love to!*)

Now have 2 volunteers read **Romans 13:9, 10**. Talk about these verses with the children. Discuss how we are to love others. We should do to others as we would want them to do to us. For example: We would like for people to invite us to play games. So, we should be willing to invite others to play games with us.

LIST: Talk about specific ways to love others. First give the children some examples from your own life of how you have shown love for others. Then let them name ways they have loved others or ways they can think of loving others. List all of these ways to love others on the board.

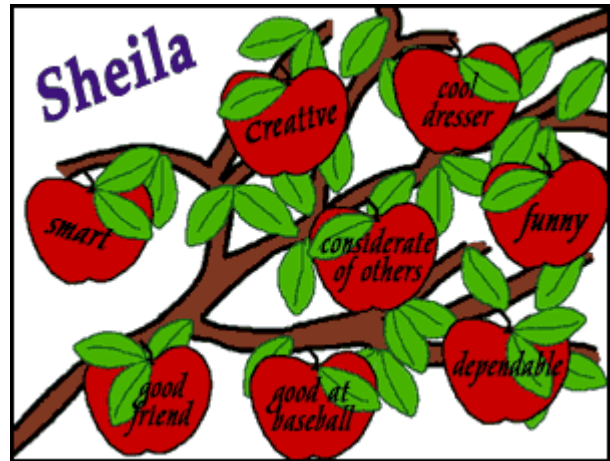
EXAMPLES: You can love others by not doing something that bothers them. Examples of this could include things like: Not tapping on a chair, Not whining, Not talking with food in your mouth, etc.

Other ways to show love that you may list include:

Not making fun of others	Playing the game they want to play
Talking to others	Letting them go first
Saying kind things to others	Listening
Spending time with others	Praying for them
Telling them about Jesus	Sharing
Helping them	Giving them a hug

CARE CRAFT: This activity will help the children to start putting love into practice and should be encouraging to all involved. Pass out 8 apples to each child. You may want to have them lightly write their name on the backs. Help the children put small pieces of tape on the back of each apple. (*Or to save time and have apples with tape prepared ahead of time on tables.*) Then, have the children stand in circles to help one another tape their apples to their backs.

Arm the children (*and teachers*) with thin dark colored markers. Allow everyone to begin writing a positive comment on the apples on people's backs. For example if John thinks Susan is fun to be with, he will write "fun to be with" on one of the apples. Tell the children some examples of things they can write like: smart, exciting, neat, pretty, cute, sings well, good at games, friendly, good at praying, draws well, etc. Encourage the children to be creative, truthful, and kind!!



Even if a child has all of their apples written on, they should continue to go to other children until everyone's apples are complete! As the teachers write their comments, they can glance through the fruit to make sure the statements are encouraging and then make adjustments as needed. (*Teachers should carry a few extra apples just in case.*)

Note: Younger children may not be able to write as quickly and thus may write fewer than the older children. They may need assistance with spelling and what to write as well. Teachers should start with less “popular” children and may need to guide children to others who still need more comments.

When all the apples have been written on, allow the children to take the apples from their backs. They can decorate their empty limbs by coloring the limbs, gluing on leaves, and then gluing on their apples. Remind the children to write their names on their papers. (*See example above.*)

GAME: Let the children know that because this is the last week for studying the book of Romans, they are going to play a game to review some of the verses that have been studied from Romans.

PREPARATION: Print the following 10 Bible verses. Cut them apart and glue them onto a piece of colored poster board in two columns of five. Then, print the word answers on card stock. Cut them apart into 10 sections. Add adhesive Velcro to attach the word answers to the verses. (*Use tape as an alternative.*) **You will need a set of verses and answers for each team of up to 10 children.**

For each team, set the poster upright and place the words in a box or lying face down on a table. Mark a line equal distance away for all the teams to stand behind.

PLAY: Divide the children into teams of 10 or fewer. Have the children line up behind a designated line. On “Go”, one child from each team will run to the box of word answers at the opposite side of the room and pull out a word(s). Next, they will attach the word(s) to the corresponding Bible verse. Then, they will run back and tag the next team member who will run and do the same.

Teams may yell suggestions to their teammates about where to put the word(s) they select. However, they do need to be aware that other teams may hear! The winning team is the first team to have all 10 verses completed correctly!

CLOSE: As time allows, review the verses that were part of the game. End with prayer. Do not forget to pass out the FUNSHEETS to those who want them.

Romans 15:7 says to accept one another in order to bring _____ to God. <i>praise</i>
Romans 13:9 says that you shall love your neighbor as you love _____. <i>yourself</i>
Romans 15:3 says: "For even _____ did not please Himself." <i>Christ</i>
Romans 12:2 says: "And do not be conformed to this _____." <i>world</i>
Romans 12:2 continues: "but be transformed by the renewing of your _____ ." <i>mind</i>
Romans 3:23 says: "For all have _____, and fall short of the glory of God." <i>sinned</i>
Romans 6:23 says: "For the wages of sin is _____ ." <i>death</i>
Romans 6:23 continues: "But the gift of God is _____ life through Jesus Christ." <i>eternal</i>
Romans 10:9 says: "If you confess with your mouth Jesus as _____ " <i>Lord</i>
Romans 10:9 continues: "and believe in your _____ that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." <i>heart</i>

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Rom 10:9b: "and believe in your _____ that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

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mind	death	sinned
world		