

LOVE AND JUSTICE ☆

How well will your team show Godly love? Let the judges decide.

TOPICS:

Godliness, Justice, Love, Relationships

MATERIALS:

Index cards
Whiteboard, markers



DURATION:

Approximately 15 minutes

PREPARATION:

Write the following phrases on 14 index cards.

LOVE IS PATIENT	LOVE IS KIND	LOVE IS NOT ENVIOUS
LOVE IS HUMBLE	LOVE IS NOT RUDE	LOVE IS NOT SELFISH
LOVE STAYS CALM	LOVE FORGIVES	LOVE IS TRUTHFUL
LOVE PERSEVERES	LOVE PROTECTS	LOVE IS TRUSTING
LOVE IS HOPEFUL	LOVE NEVER FAILS	

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Place the cards face down in a stack on a table. Then ask two or three volunteers to be judges and have them take seats near the front of the class. Divide the rest of the class into two teams. Each member of the teams will select a card from the stack and come up with a short story or situation that describes the type of love indicated. They can discuss what to say first with their teammates. The judges will determine how well the members of each team did and whether or not to award points.

First, have everyone find **1 Corinthians 13: 4-8** in their Bible and read about what Love is. Then have someone from team "A" select a card and discuss what to do with his or her teammates. They must come up with a very short story to show love as indicated on the card, then say what is written on the card to the judges.

For example: If they draw the card, "love is truthful," they can say something like, "One day a little boy spilled cereal on the floor. When his mom asked him about it, he told the truth and said he did it. Love is truthful"

If at least two of the three judges rule that the story was good for showing "love is truthful", the team gets 100 points. If at least two of the three judges feel the story was not good for showing "love is truthful", the opposing teams gets 50 points. Either way, team "B" goes next. Have someone from team "B" select a card, and stand before the judges. Again, if they succeed in telling a story that shows the love indicated on the card, they get 100 points. If not, team "A" gets 50 points, and someone else on team "A" selects a card.

Continue for an equal number of opportunities, or until all the cards are used. For smaller classes, you can use only one judge, and the kids can perform in front of the judge more than one time.

WHAT YOU WILL SAY:

We know that God loves us with a love so great, we will never be able to love anything or anyone that much. But God wants us to love Him and others. So we must try. In this game, we learned how to love in a Godly way. Jesus himself said that we should love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and we should love our neighbor as ourselves. Mark 12:30-31