

Love

Word Forms:

- love (n) Most parents have much love for their children.
- love (v) Most parents love their children.
- lovely (adj) That flower is very lovely.
- loving (adj) John is a very loving father.
- lovable (adj) Becky is a very lovable child.

Related Words:

- affection (n) Most parents feel much affection toward their children.
- like (v) What kinds of books do you like to read?
- cherish (v) Most people cherish the time they can spend with their family.
- affectionate (adj) Becky is a very affectionate girl.
- romantic (adj) A candlelight dinner is very romantic.
- dear (adj) Mary is a very dear friend of mine.
- attractive (adj) Carol is a very attractive woman.
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- hate (v) I hate James.

Exercises:

1. Johnny is a very _____ child.
2. Most people _____ their enemies.
3. I really _____ my friendship with you.

Questions:

1. Who or what do you love most in your life?
2. What are some ways that people show love for other people?
3. Do you think it's easy to love another person? Why or why not?

Bible Readings:

1. "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud...it always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." (1 Corinthians 13:4,7,8, NIV)
2. "The commandments are summed up in this one rule: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Romans 13:9, NIV)
3. "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8, NIV)
4. "We love because God first loved us." (1 John 4:19, NIV)

Questions:

1. How does the Bible describe what love is like? (reading 1)
2. How does God want us to treat other people? (reading 2)
3. We don't love others like God says we should. Therefore, we're sinners and God's enemies. But how did God show his love for us anyway? (reading 3)

4. Does God love us because we first loved him and others, or do we love God and others because he first loved us? (reading 4)