

Worship Date January 31, 2010
Worship Theme God Provides Strength and Understanding
Scripture Reference I Corinthians 13:4-8

Materials: Small chest to pretend is a Hope chest, Magazine with something circled that can be shared with others to represent Faith, something that represents love, (picture of mother holding child, anything heart shaped, wedding rings,) Maybe have some Sweetheart candy to give each child or some little token that represents love like heart stickers as a reminder of the lesson.

Ask the kids what they remember from last week. Remind them about how God gave each of us a gift and while we are different, we are part of the same wheel working for God. We are to do our part and unite to be one body for God's glory. To do that, we have to love each other. This is what the bible says about love:

I Corinthians 13: 4-8

4 Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 Love never ends....¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Ask kids if they know what Hope is? Pull out chest and ask the kids if they know what a Hope chest is. "A Hope chest is a wooden box a girl used to put things in for her own home when she grew up. It was called a Hope chest because she hoped she would get married and be able to use the things she had been putting in there.

What's Faith?" Listen for responses. "Faith is something you know is going to happen but hasn't happened yet. Look at this magazine with me. I've circled an item that I have Faith I'm going to get one day. I'm working really hard and saving my money so I can purchase it. I have faith that I'm going to have that some day and I'm working to make sure that I have enough money to pay for it.

What's charity?" Listen for responses. "That's right, it's another word for Love. When you hear the word Love, what do you think of?" Listen for responses. "Those are very good things. Here's one of the things I think of when I think of Love. (pull out item representing love) Why do you think Love is greater than Hope or Faith?" Listen for responses. "Here's why I think Love is greater than Hope or Faith. Look at the Hope chest, it's full of things that a girl Hopes will be part of her marriage some day. She wants to find someone to Love and build a home with and raise kids with. She Hopes for a family to love. Look at the magazine, I have Faith that I'm going to get this item and spread Love with it. See how even though I have Hope and Faith, it's all because I want to share Love. I think that's why Love is the greatest. Can we say a prayer and ask God to help us Love like He does?