


1 Corinthians 13.¹⁻¹³

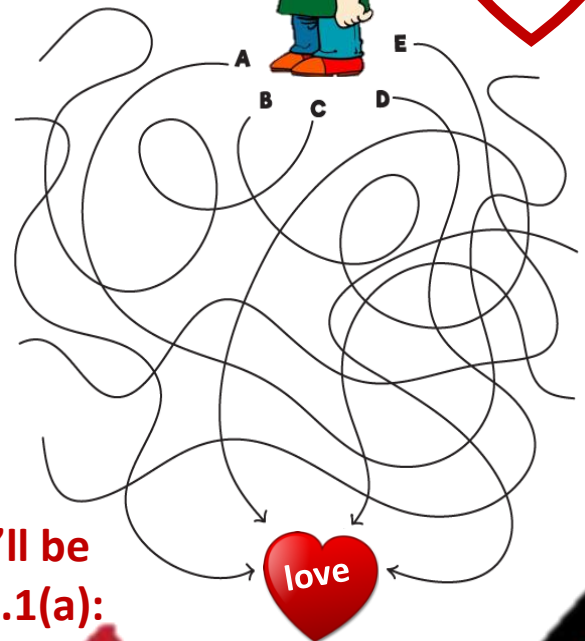
the way of love

follow ..



which path will lead the boy to the heart ... 

Write your answer in the heart   

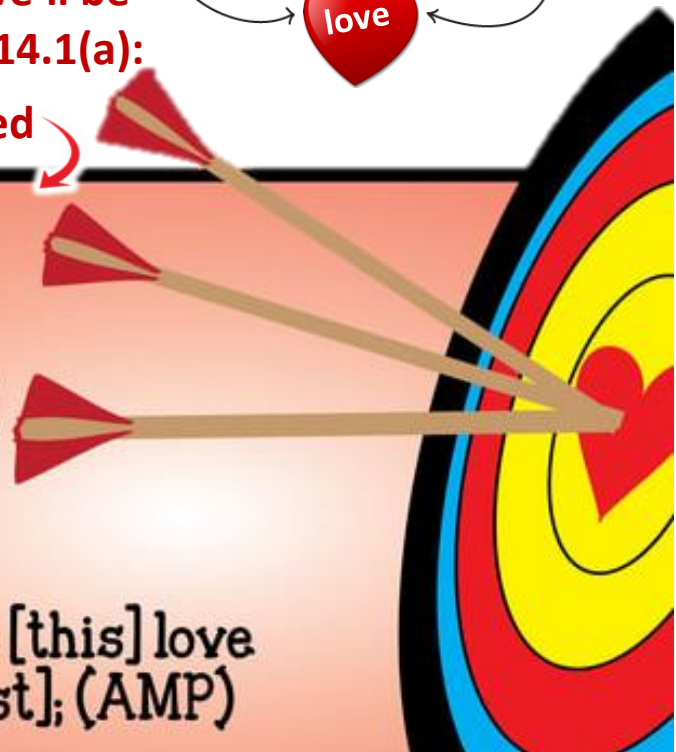


a verse which gives a good summary of all we'll be looking at in this worksheet is 1 Corinthians 14.1(a): here are some of the ways it's been translated

1 Corinthians 14:1 (a)...

Let love be your highest goal! (NLT)
Follow the way of love... (NIV)
Pursue love... (NKJV)

Eagerly pursue and seek to acquire [this] love
[make it your aim, your great quest]; (AMP)



All you need is love!

Today's passage is one of the most famous chapters in the whole Bible!

The church at Corinth was a lively place!

The people were very enthusiastic: and they were very gifted in lots of ways.

Paul wanted to remind them, though, that what God wants to see in us more than anything is ...

love

That's what he meant when he started this passage by referring to **the most excellent way**

Read

1 Cor. 12.³¹-13.³

And yet I will show you **the most excellent way.**

13 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Paul starts by explaining how important it is that whatever we do is done in love



If we're really good at speaking, but don't have love, Paul made it clear that we'd be just like a

_____ **d i n** _ **g** _____

or a



love is... **practical**

Read

1 Cor.13.4-6

⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Having said that love is the first priority, the most important thing, Paul then wanted the believers at Corinth to see that

love is very practical

You can see from the box below that Paul described 15 different ways in which love shows itself: 8 of them are **negative**, and 7 of them are **positive**.



See if you can put them in their correct order by writing alongside each where they come in Paul's list

(I've given you a start!)

Be Kind

- angered easily (not)** ()
- boasting (not)** ()
- delight in evil (not)** ()
- dishonouring (not)** ()
- envy (not)** ()
- proud (not)** (5)
- record of wrongs (not)** ()
- self-seeking (not)** ()
- hopes** (14)
- kind** ()
- patient** (1)
- perseveres** ()
- protects** ()
- rejoices with the truth** ()
- trusts** ()

Turn over the page and colour in what you've just been learning!

is not
angry

IS
PATIENT

always tries

NEVER
GIVES
UP

is
KIND

NEVER
FAILS

LOVE

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

DOES NOT
BOAST

ALWAYS
PROTECTS

IS NOT
PROUD

ALWAYS
FORGIVES

ALWAYS
TRUSTS

ALWAYS
HOPES

love is... permanent

Read

1 Cor. 13. 7-13

⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

“God is love”

Paul wanted the believers at Corinth to live with the future in view.

Love is what characterises God – and He is eternal: so love is going to be a permanent part of what will make heaven so wonderful!

Love
NEVER
Fails

Paul knew that all who trust in the Lord Jesus are going to become at last just like Him.

Heaven is going to be a world of love! So Paul was encouraging believers to start practising!

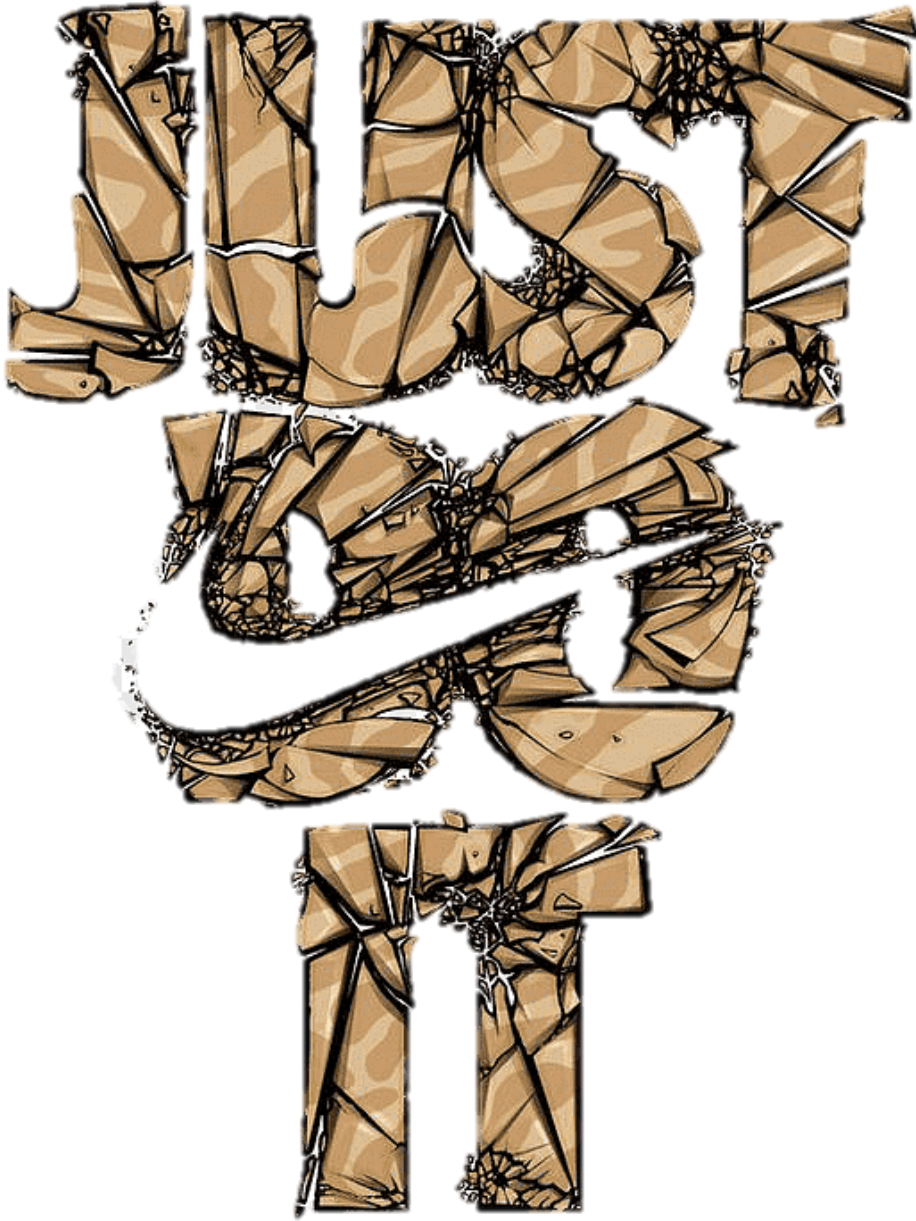


Faith Hope Love

Try copying the 'Faith-Hope-Love' symbols in the box



Faith • Hope • Love



.. but how?

It's one thing to see what God's love looks like: it's another thing to live like that ourselves!

So how can we grow to be more and more characterised by this sort of love? Here are some steps you can take.

- **Ask God to make you more loving!**
- **Remember how much Jesus has loved you!**
- **Look for all the good things in other people!**
- **Ask older Christians how they've learned to love!**
- **Think carefully about what you're going to say or do!**

A Prayer

Think about what you've been learning in this worksheet.
Now try praying this prayer (or making up your own prayer!)



Thank You, Jesus, that You love me.

I feel very safe knowing that You love me – and will love me always!

And I'm glad that heaven is going to be a world full of love!
That'll be wonderful!

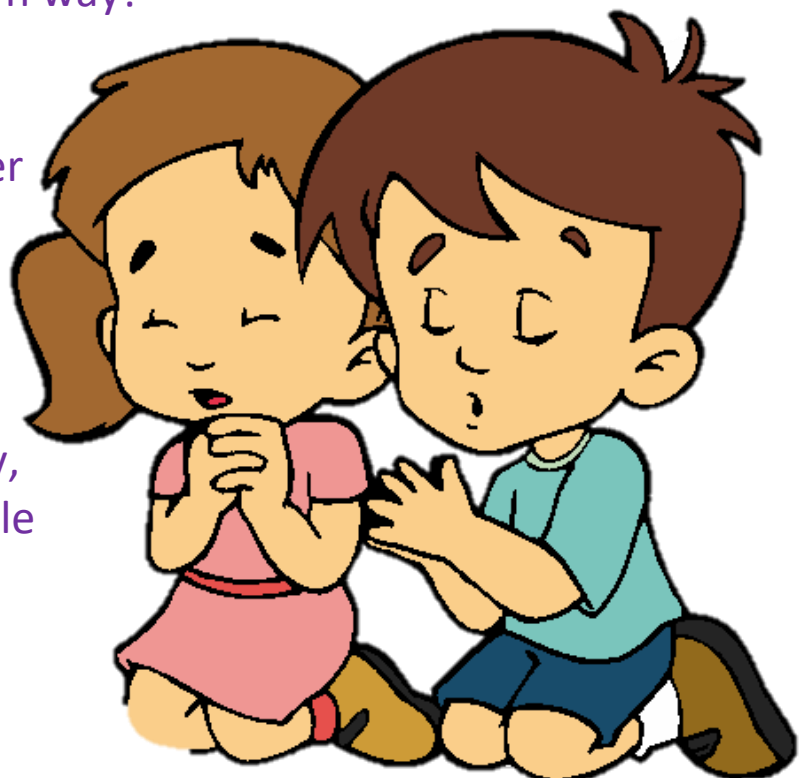
I'm sorry that I'm not always very loving.
I can be bad-tempered, grumpy and selfish!
Especially when I don't get my own way!

You make me
ALive!

Help me to think about what other people may be needing, and how other people may be feeling.

Help me to speak to people kindly,
and to find ways to help the people around me.

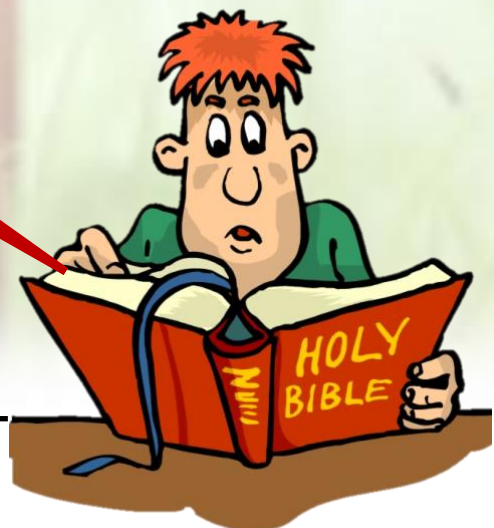
Thank You Jesus for everything!



Today's verse for you to try and remember!

**"Follow the
way of love"**

1 Corinthians 14.1



A WORDSEARCH

1 Corinthians 13

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people

disciples

knowledge

Corinthians

greatest

love

hope

faith

endures

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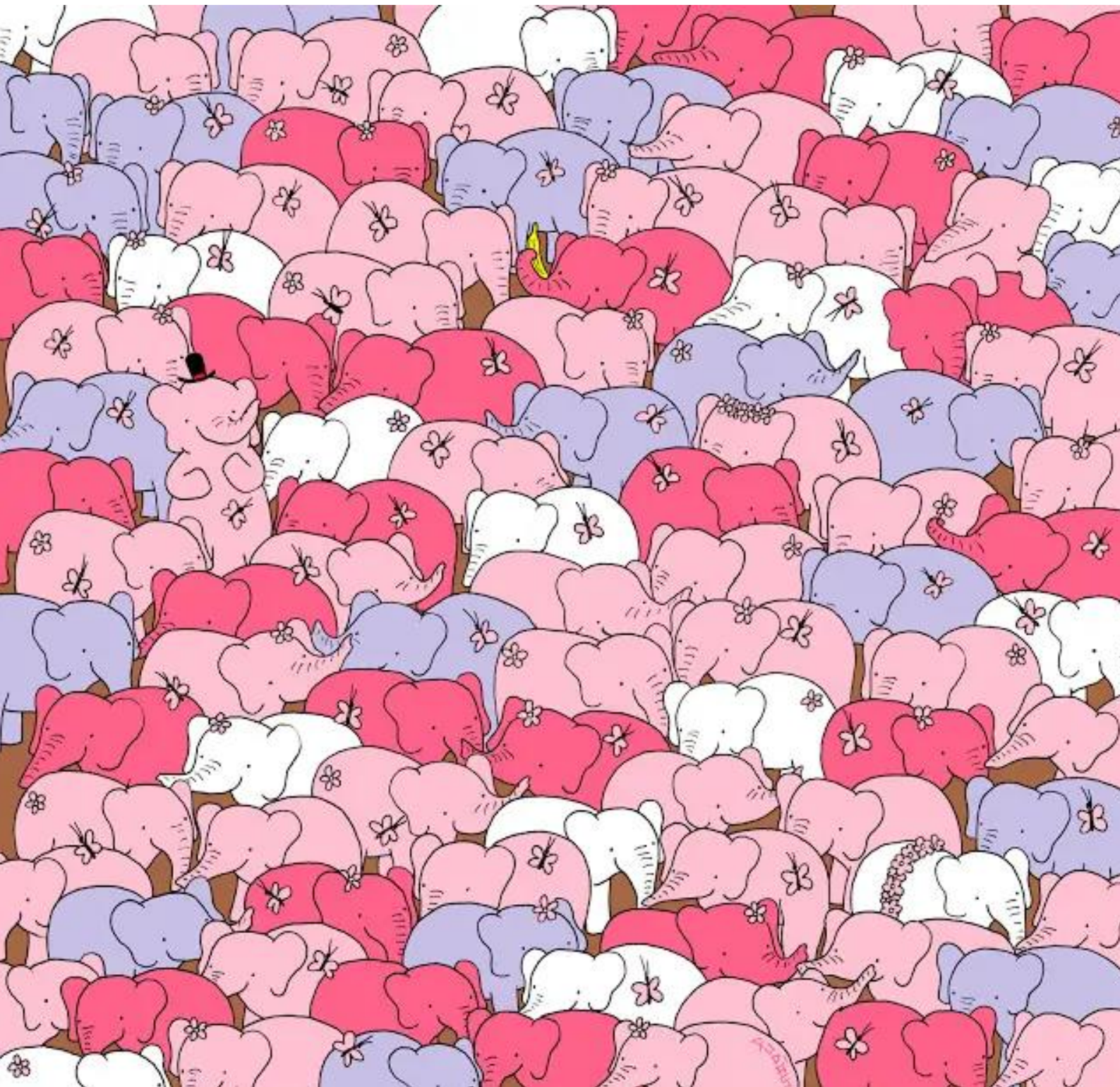
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Find the love!

Can you find the heart  in this picture of the elephants? Draw a circle round it.

If you can't find it, you'll have to ask me to show you where it is!



A picture to COLOUR IN!

THESE THREE
REMAIN:
FAITH



BUT THE GREATEST OF
THESE IS
LOVE.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

Colour in this picture too!

