



Treasure Cove Ride Home Review

A discussion guide to use on the ride home from church and all week at home

Love is Forgiving

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1 Corinthians 13:4-8—Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous, it does not brag, and is not proud. Love is not rude, is not selfish, and does not become angry easily. Love does not remember wrongs done against it. Love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth. Love patiently accepts all things. It always trusts, always hopes, and always continues strong. Love never ends

1 Fuel Up –Hello Families-

This week we continue to build up our spiritual foundation by learning more about how real love behaves.

We often try to sum up God in one word when we say “God is Love.” That’s a great description, if we take time to understand all that LOVE means to God. Last week we learned that love is **honest**. When we have real love in our lives, we aren’t deceitful we get to be truthful about ourselves with those we love. And real love is **forgiving**.

In our daily life we’re going to hurt others and they’re going to hurt us too. The Bible warns us that we’re all sinners. When we are following Jesus and living a life of love, we’ll recognize our faults and be quick to ask for forgiveness when we realize we’ve hurt someone. We’ll also grow in our ability to offer forgiveness and stop holding grudges against others because we’ll know how much God wants us to show real love in our lives.

As you build a strong spiritual foundation for your life, consider the following questions. Have you accepted the forgiveness God offers you? Are you quick to forgive others when they try to make things right? Will you ask God to help you forgive others when you can’t do it on your own?

It might not be easy, but you can trust that the God who is LOVE is ready to wash you clean and give you the power to show true love by forgiving others.

Don't forget to ask for Directions

- Monday Zech. 7:9
- Tuesday Psalms 25:6-7
- Wednesday Jer. 31:3
- Thursday Matt. 6:14-15
- Friday 1 John 1:9
- Saturday James 2:12-13

#2 Look, Listen & Learn

You can watch the Treasure Cove Drama on-line at: www.nfcnaz.org Here are a few questions to discuss.

Why does Goober need to keep looking for his friend the Professor? (He loves his friend and knows that he must be patient and persevere in trying to find him.)

What are Pepper and Paulie planning? (They’re planning to steal a baby and hold it for ransom.)

Why doesn’t Daisy want to wear the hat Esmerelda gives her? (She knows it belongs to someone else.)

Why is Paulie upset when she returns the star? (She knows it was wrong and doesn’t know if Mrs. Stifleman will forgive her.)

Why does Mrs. Stifleman forgive Paulie? (She forgives her because she loves her.)

Did Paulie ask for forgiveness? (No, but she did try to make things right by returning the star.)

#3 Discuss

Has someone ever done something to you and made you very angry?

Did the person apologize to you?

If they did, what did you do? If they didn’t, what would you do if they did?

Have you ever had to ask for forgiveness? Was it difficult or easy for you?

4 Go –

This week try to incorporate more short prayers for your family members into your daily routine. Challenge one another that each time anyone sees a symbol of love (paper hearts, special flowers, etc. these may be different for your family), the person spying the symbol will pick one of the love attributes from 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (see above) and ask God to bless another family member with more of that attribute in their life. You don’t have to make it a long request or report on your progress, but don’t be surprised if God uses this in a powerful way in your home or your family’s future.