

God's Love 1 – Leader's Guide

1. What language was the New Testament originally written in? (Greek)
2. What kind of love does the Greek word “eros” describe? (Sexual, romantic love, attraction, desire, lust. It involves giving in order to get something.)
3. What kind of love does the Greek word “phileo” describe? (Brotherly love, close friendship, companionship. There's some giving in order to get.)
4. What kind of love does the Greek word “agape” describe? (Selfless, giving, unconditional love. It's sacrificial, and it expects nothing in return.)
5. Which of the three Greek words describes God's love for us? (Agape.)
6. What does the Bible mean when it says “God is love”? (He loves you unselfishly and purely. He has no hidden motives. His personality is love. He chooses to love you. You can't earn his love. He freely gives it.)
7. Is God's love for you a feeling? Explain. (NO! God is not moody or impulsive. His love is steady. He loves you the same on your good days and bad days.)
8. 1 Corinthians 13 says that love is patient and kind. How does this apply to God? (He shows his love to us by being patient and consistently kind.)
9. 1 Corinthians 13 also says that “love never stops believing the best for others.” How does this apply to God? (God believes in you! He never gives up on you. He has good dreams for your life!)
10. “Love never stops loving.” What does this mean for you? (God's love for you is stubborn. Even if you reject Him, God will never stop loving you.)
11. Is it hard for you to believe and receive God's love? Explain. (Most people will find it hard to believe, because people in the world love each other conditionally.)