

# True Love

1) Below is a description of love from the Bible. Underline all the things that love is and put a circle around all the things that love is not:

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

The Bible - 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

2) Use these qualities of love described in the Bible to fill in the table below:

| Love...<br>Love is...              | This means...              | An example of when a husband/wife might have to show this aspect of love in their marriage is... |
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| patient                            | Not getting annoyed easily | When your husband/wife forgets to do something they said they would do                           |
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| Love is not...<br>Love does not... | This means...              | An example of when a husband/wife might have to show this aspect of love in their marriage is... |
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# True Love - Teacher's notes

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*This worksheet explores what love really is by focusing on a passage in the Bible (1 Corinthians 13:4-8). There is a lot of talk about love in the media which tends to portray love as just a feeling, something that we can fall in and out of easily. Real love is demonstrated by action.*

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*Below are some ways you could describe these qualities of love.*

*Some good discussion may result from thinking about how a husband/wife demonstrates these aspects of love in a marriage.*

Love is... / Love...

*Patient – not getting annoyed easily*

*Kind – being gentle and generous towards the other person*

*Rejoices with the truth – being honest and sincere in words and actions*

*Protects – looking after the other person and not doing things that would cause them harm*

*Trusts – believing what the other person says*

*Hopes – not despairing*

*Perseveres – keeping going even when it is hard*

Love does not... / Love is not...

*Envy – not getting jealous (of others or even of your husband/wife)*

*Boast – not always talking about yourself and your achievements*

*Proud – being willing to admit mistakes*

*Dishonour others – not being mean or hurtful to others*

*Self-seeking – thinking about the other person first (unselfish)*

*Easily angered – not getting irritated or flying into a rage*

*Keep a record of wrong – not holding grudges*

*Delight in evil – not being happy when other people are in bad situations or wanting to cause pain to others*

*Fail – keeping on loving no matter what the circumstances*