



## Family Time

### Main Idea:

Love



### Key Verse: John 13:34-35

<sup>34</sup> "I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

### Experiment:

You will need a one-liter bottle with its cap, a thumbtack and water. You will want to do this experiment outside or over the sink. Fill the one-liter bottle with water and screw the cap on tight. In different places around the bottle less than two inches from the bottom, poke holes in the bottle using a thumbtack. Loosen the cap. Tighten the cap. Loosen the cap. Tighten the cap.



### Ask:

- What happened when we loosened the cap?
- What happened when the cap was tight?
- How big do you think you could make the holes? What if you used an ice pick instead of a thumbtack to poke the holes?
- If we didn't put any water in the bottle, what would happen when we loosen the cap?



### Talk:

Reread John 13:34-35

Is there anything in our experiment that reminds you of this scripture? In the verse, something is supposed to spill out. It is our love for one another. If we didn't loosen the cap, the water wouldn't have come out. It could have been pop/soda in the bottle, and we wouldn't have known it. It's not until it spilled out that we knew it was water. If we never demonstrate our love for other people, we can say that we have love inside of us, but no one knows if that's true, because it hasn't spilled out for us to experience it.

Name some times when you have not shared the love of Jesus with others. Why do you think you backed off from loving them?

We need to allow God to refill us with His love. We do that by praying, reading the Bible to know what God desires for us, talking with other Christians and watching how God is working in their lives, and sharing in worship.

### Prayer:

*Help us, Lord, not to hold anything back when we are showing love to others. Allow your love to flow out of us to those around us. In your name, amen.*