

Family Time



Main Idea:
Faith Leads to Love

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

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

Set it Up:

You will need an empty bottle with a screw cap, a thumbtack, and water to fill the empty bottle. You will want to do this experiment over the sink or a tub so that the water can drain into it.

You will need to fill the bottle with water and screw the cap back on the top. In various places around the bottle, less than 2 inches from the bottom, poke holes with the thumbtack (no water should leak out of the bottle).

Now, with the bottle, have everyone gather around you. Go ahead and unscrew the cap and then screw it back on quickly. Do this a few times.

**Ask:**

What happened when I loosened the cap?

What happened when the cap was on tight?

Read John 13:34-35 again.

Is there anything in our experiment that reminds you of this Scripture?

In the verse, something is supposed to spill out. What should spill out? Our love for one another! This can only happen if we have placed our faith in God. It is our faith in God that leads us to love those around us.

If there is no water in the bottle, then none will spill out. What does that tell us about our relationship with God?

We need to allow Him to refill us with His love each day. We do that through our faith, prayer, reading the Bible, and talking with other Christians.

