

Family Time



Main Idea:
Unconditional Love

**Key Verse: Matthew 5:43-45**

⁴³ You have heard that it was said, *Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.* ⁴⁴ But I tell you, *love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,* ⁴⁵ *so that you may be children of your Father in heaven.*

**Set it Up:**

Saying the words “I love you” is easy, but how many people do you love so deeply that you expect nothing in return from them? Love is unending; love is not selfish, because it asks for nothing in return; love is deserved, because it cannot be earned; love is unconditional, because it is not based on actions; and it is supernatural, because it is not something that can be done in your own strength. Check out this short video to see what other kids say love is.

**Watch: Week 5 Video**

This week’s video is on the Playlist of the CBC YouTube channel or go to [CBCFamily.net/4g](https://www.cbcfamily.net/4g) for the video link.

**Talk:**

God loved you so much that even knowing you would turn away and very possibly never return His love, He still sent His one and only Son to die for you.

Once you accept and understand this concept of love, you can grow into who God created you to be. How do you do this? By allowing the Holy Spirit to work in you, relying on the Word of God, and applying the Word to your heart.

Then there will be a new life, new desires, a new nature, and a new heart. Ezekiel 36:26 says, *“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.”* (NIV)

This unconditional love, when you understand it, will inspire you to respond to others in the same way. Love without expectation just as God did for you.

**Activity: Make a list of people we love and people who love us.**

Make a list or create a photo page of family members and friends. Use this list (or page) to remind everyone that there are lots of people who care for us and that we love as well. Discuss the idea that love is limitless – no matter how many people we love, there is always more love in our hearts. Love is endless to receive and endless to give.