

Linked by Love - Curriculum Cheat Sheet

Inside Out Curriculum Introduction

“We know that love comes from God, and sometimes we experience it directly. More often, God’s love is manifest in relationships of all kinds that weave in and out of our lives. We see God’s love in close friends and family – those we are born into and those we chose along the way. We see God in quiet moments where we are present with each other and in acts of profound grace when we have been far apart. We hear God in life guiding and life changing words of truth from those who know and love us. We know that such love links our lives, teaching us about commitment, intimacy, grace, and faith. As we seek to create and strengthen life giving relationships, we remember that such love flows from God, links us all together, and we give thanks.”

Year-Long Activity - All campers add paper loop to paper chain of how they’re linked to camp!

Theme Day Summary

Day	Scripture <u>Supplement</u> <i>Psalm</i>	Theme: Curriculum	Theme: Camp	Takeaways
1	Colossians 3:12-14 (3:7-17) <u>Ephesians 6:13-17 (6:11-20)</u> <i>Psalm 110:1-5</i>	Linked in Love	Wearing Love	- How to “wear” Godly virtues - How those virtues impact our communities - God’s loving virtues protect from harm
2	Luke 10:38-42 <u>1 Kings 19:11-13 (19:9-18)</u> <i>Psalm 143:8-10</i>	Linked through Acceptance	Be Still and Accept Love	- Set aside distractions, focus on God - Use your unique gifts to be hospitable - Learn from the teaching of Jesus
3	Job 2:11-13 (2:1-13) <u>John 16: 33 (16:25-33)</u> <i>Psalm 109:21-26</i>	Linked and Present	Loving through Suffering	- Importance of helping people when they are struggling - God is with us when we suffer
4	Luke 15:11-24 (15:11-32) <u>Jeremiah 31:1-6 (30:22-31:14)</u> <i>Psalm 107:4-22</i>	Linked by Grace	Lost are Found by Love	- No one is beyond God’s grace & love - If we have wronged God or others, ask for forgiveness
5	Exodus 18:8-24 (18:1-27) <u>John 14:15-18 (14:12-21)</u> <i>Psalm 36:5-10</i>	Linked in Truth	Support of Loving Community	- Discussing challenges openly and honestly with others helps all of us grow - You don’t have to do it all alone
6	Philemon 1:8-17 <u>Joshua 2:3-14 (2:1-18)</u> <i>Psalm 146:5-8</i>	Linked to Change	Advocating for Love	- Prejudices and biases harm relationships and prevent us from growing - Stand up for others in love
7	1 John 4:7-9, 19 <u>Deuteronomy 6:4-6 (6:1-9)</u> <i>Psalm 117:1-2</i>	Linked to Love	God is Love	- God is love - love is from God - We see God’s love in how we love others - God’s love is consistent and steadfast

Day 1 - Linked in Love (Wearing Love)

- Scripture Lesson

Colossians 3:12-14 (Supplement - Ephesians 6:11-20, Psalm 110:1-5)

7 You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. 8 But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. 9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. 11 Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all. 12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. 15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

- Takeaways

- How to “wear” Godly virtues
- How those virtues impact our communities
- God’s loving virtues protect from harm

- Worship

- Songs - The Armor of God, Teresa’s Prayer, Lean on Me, Fruit of the Spirit
- Teepee fire - we’re stronger when we lean on each other
- Journaling - If emotions were clothes, what would be your favorite to wear, and what would you never wear? How do we “put on love”? Who in your life shows you the fruit of the Spirit?

- Games & Activities

- Games - Human Knot, Name Toss
- Bible Study
 - **Younger** - Draw life-sized outlines of themselves, and have them draw on the clothing of these virtues. Encourage creativity - what does the shield of faith look like? What would it look like to wear humility?
 - **Older** - Make bracelets with letter beads, and put on 2-3 of these virtues that they feel they need to wear with them. Point out campers who used the same words, and show how they connect everyone together
 - **All** - Pair campers up and have them make “mail pouches” for each other. They’ll make the OTHER person’s bag, as they design a bag that highlights things their partner loves. Use these to share encouraging notes.
 - **All** - Make a camp covenant for the week based on the virtues highlighted in the scripture. See how these can be practically implemented in community.

Day 2 - Linked through Acceptance (Be Still and Accept Love)

- Scripture Lesson

Luke 10:38-42 (Supplement - 1 Kings 19:9-18, Psalm 143:8-10)

38 As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. 39 She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. 40 But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" 41 "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, 42 but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

- Takeaways

- Set aside distractions, focus on God
- Use your unique gifts to be hospitable
- Learn from the teaching of Jesus

- Worship

- Songs - Peace Be Still, Magic Penny, If I Were a Butterfly, Birdie Song, Pass it on
- Service - Jar illustration - try to fit sand, rice, and ping pong balls in a jar. Explain that the sand represents the things we want to do, the rice represents things we have to do, and ping pongs represent Godly virtues. Try to fit them in this order first - sand, rice, ping pong - they don't fit! Then try this way - ping pong, rice, sand - everything fits! You can also fit water, which represents the Holy Spirit coming into the space you've made and blessing it.
- Journaling - What can I do to make visitors & new people feel welcome? How can I accept people who have different giftings? What things in my life are causing me to be too busy? How can I remove distractions that keep me from focusing on Jesus?

- Games & Activities

Games - Dwarf - Wizard - Giant, Red Light Green Light

- Bible Study
 - **Younger** - Using water bottles, water, glitter glue, food coloring, etc, have campers make "meditation bottles". Have them shake it up and see how everything moves around and settle down. Explain that when they feel "shaken up" like Martha, to take time to be still and settle before moving on.
 - **Younger** - Have campers pair up and come up with handshakes for each other. Have them switch pairs a couple times. Encourage them to use these handshakes to greet each other throughout the week
 - **Older** - Make a line. Have campers go to one side or the other based on the prompts - "Binge TV or do chores", "Exercise or take a nap", "Sing worship songs or listen to a sermon", "Lead or follow". Then ask them what they would do if they had a guest over, or if the guest was Jesus?
 - **All** - have campers make "welcome signs" for the campers that week and future campers. They can do this in a group or individually. Have them reflect on how being welcomed makes them feel loved.

Day 3 - Linked and Present (Loving through Suffering)

Scripture Lesson

- Job 2:11-13 (Supplement - John 16:25-33, Psalm 109:21-26)

1 On another day the angels came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came with them to present himself before him. 2 And the Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it." 3 Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason." 4 "Skin for skin!" Satan replied. "A man will give all he has for his own life. 5 But now stretch out your hand and strike his flesh and bones, and he will surely curse you to your face." 6 The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, then, he is in your hands; but you must spare his life." 7 So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the crown of his head. 8 Then Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it as he sat among the ashes. 9 His wife said to him, "Are you still maintaining your integrity? Curse God and die!" 10 He replied, "You are talking like a foolish[b] woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?" In all this, Job did not sin in what he said.

11 When Job's three friends, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite, heard about all the troubles that had come upon him, they set out from their homes and met together by agreement to go and sympathize with him and comfort him. 12 When they saw him from a distance, they could hardly recognize him; they began to weep aloud, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads. 13 Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights. No one said a word to him, because they saw how great his suffering was.

- Takeaways
 - Importance of helping people when they are struggling
 - God is with us when we suffer
- Worship
 - Songs - Kum Ba Ya, They'll Know We Are Christians, My Lighthouse, Precious Lord, Take My Hand, Rock - Sword - Shield, Listen to Your Children Praying, It Is Well
 - Journaling - When you are sad or upset, what makes you feel better?, Who helps you make feel better just with their presence?, How can you help others when they are struggling?
- Games & Activities
 - Games - Signs, Trust Falls
 - **Younger** - Campers write things they know others are praying for on ribbon and tie them to a tree to show that they are not alone in their prayers.
 - **Older** - Pair campers up, and have them practice active listening. For 5 minutes, 1 camper will share anything they want (that is camp appropriate) and the partner will respond only with no words. Have them switch. Ask them how this affected their ability to listen.
 - **All** - Have campers pair up and have them mirror each other's emotions. Explain that this is what Job's friends did - sitting with him in his sorrow. Empathy links us in love
 - **All** - invite campers to sit in silence for one whole minute (or longer for older campers) and pray and think about the goodness of God, then reflect.

Day 4 - Linked by Grace (Lost are Found by Love)

Scripture Lesson

- Luke 15:11-24 (Supplement - Jeremiah 30:22-31:14, Psalm 107:4-22)

11 Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. 13 "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. 14 After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. 16 He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. 17 "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! 18 I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.'

20 So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. 21 "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. 24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

- Takeaways
 - No one is beyond God's grace & love
 - If we have wronged God or others, ask for forgiveness
- Worship
 - Songs - Amazing Grace, 3 Chartreuse Buzzards, Jesus in the Boat, Here I Am Lord
 - Journaling - When has someone shown you love even when you made a big mistake?, Is it easier to stay mad or to forgive?, How can we extend grace to others when they wrong us?
- Games & Activities
 - Games - Rattle Snake, Blindfolded Maze, Hide and Seek, Ducky Wucky
 - **Younger** - Write "Forgiveness" on a large piece of paper. Have campers grab a piece of the paper and rip it off and crumple it. Then ask them to find all the pieces and put them together. Reflect on how this represents our forgiveness, and how this is an incomplete reflection of God's perfect forgiveness.
 - **All** - Take campers on a scripture hike. Stop along the way and read different portions of scripture, acting them out of you have enough people. When they return to camp, have a festive area set up, celebrating their return.

Day 5 - Linked in Truth (Support of Loving Community)

- Scripture Lesson
 - Exodus 18:8-24 (Supplement - John 14:12-21, Psalm 36:5-10)

8 Moses told his father-in-law about everything the Lord had done to Pharaoh and the Egyptians for Israel's sake and about all the hardships they had met along the way and how the Lord had saved them. 9 Jethro was delighted to hear about all the good things the Lord had done for Israel in rescuing them from the hand of the Egyptians. 10 He said, "Praise be to the Lord, who rescued you from the hand of the Egyptians and of Pharaoh, and who rescued the people from the hand of the Egyptians. 11 Now I know that the Lord is greater than all other gods, for he did this to those who had treated Israel arrogantly." 12 Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, brought a burnt offering and other sacrifices to God, and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat a meal with Moses' father-in-law in the presence of God. 13 The next day Moses took his seat to serve as judge for the people, and they stood around him from morning till evening. 14 When his father-in-law saw all that Moses was doing for the people, he said, "What is this you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit as judge, while all these people stand around you from morning till evening?" 15 Moses answered him, "Because the people come to me to seek God's will. 16 Whenever they have a dispute, it is brought to me, and I decide between the parties and inform them of God's decrees and instructions." 17 Moses' father-in-law replied, "What you are doing is not good. 18 You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone. 19 Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you. You must be the people's representative before God and bring their disputes to him. 20 Teach them his decrees and instructions, and show them the way they are to live and how they are to behave. 21 But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. 22 Have them serve as judges for the people at all times, but have them bring every difficult case to you; the simple cases they can decide themselves. That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you. 23 If you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied." 24 Moses listened to his father-in-law and did everything he said.

- Takeaways
 - Discussing challenges openly and honestly with others helps all of us grow
 - You don't have to do it all alone
- Worship
 - Songs - Will You Let Me Be Your Servant, Grab Another Hand, Make New Friends, Brethren We Have Met to Worship
 - Journaling - Who do you trust with big questions or big struggles?, Who gives you good advice?, Who can you give advice to?
- Games & Activities
 - Games - Hungry Hippos, Blob Tag
 - **All** - Get a pile of objects that are too many for one camper to carry. Have campers choose one person to carry it all. They cannot help, but they can offer ideas. Then, tell the campers that they can each help carry a portion. Talk about how tasks are much easier to accomplish when we delegate and have people help us.

Day 6 - Linked to Change (Advocating for Love)

- Scripture Lesson
 - Philemon 1:8-17 (Supplement - Joshua 2:1-18, Psalm 146:5-8)

8 Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, 9 yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus— 10 that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. 11 Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me. 12 I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. 13 I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. 14 But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. 15 Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever— 16 no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord. 17 So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.

- Takeaways
 - Prejudices and biases harm relationships and prevents us from growing
 - Stand up for others in love
- Worship
 - Songs - Break Every Chain, I am Free, Here in this Place, Tis a Gift to be Simple, Hallelujah (Praise Ye the Lord)
- Games & Activities
 - Games - Going on a Picnic, Frog Detective, Mafia
 - **Younger** - Disappearing camper - ask for a volunteer for a magic trick. Take the volunteer out of the room, and tell the rest of the room that once the magic word is said, they all need to pretend that that camper is invisible. The camper will feel what it's like to be invisible for a few moments, then do the trick again and make them visible. Ask the camper how it felt being invisible. Ask the other campers what it was like to treat them that way. Ask them if they have ever felt that way, or if they have ever treated anyone that way.
 - **All** - Have campers put together a skit about standing up for someone, and explain why it is important to know when people need others to speak up for them.

Day 7 - Linked to Love (God is Love)

- Scripture Lesson
 - 1 John 4:7-9, 19 (Supplement - Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Psalm 117:1-2)

7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us & sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us & his love is made complete in us. 13 This is how we know that we live in him & he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them & they in God. 16 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. 17 This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. 18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

19 We love because he first loved us.

- Takeaways
 - God is love - love is from God
 - We see God's love in how we love others
 - God's love is consistent and steadfast
- Worship
 - Songs - Bind us Together, Love Round, Love Love Love Love, Jesus Loves Me, I Love You Lord, Joyful We Adore Thee, God's Love is Like a Mango, Happy Days
- Games & Activities
 - Games -
 - **Younger** - Love charades - have campers write ways they saw love shown at camp on slips of paper. Then have them put into a basket. A moderator will pick the slip out and give it to a camper at random to act out (be sure to weed out any inappropriate entries)
 - **Older** - Song volleyball - Have campers break into teams and make playlists of songs based on virtues from the week, and end with the "love" challenge. Have them pick songs that show different kinds of love that aren't romantic. They will take turns singing the lines that deal with non-romantic love, and the last team singing wins!
 - **All** - Woven in love - give every camper a bundle of 5 strands of yarn, and each camper will have a different color. Have them go around and share one of their strands with a person who showed them love this week. Have them do this until they have 6 strings that are all different colors. Then they can braid them together to make a bracelet they can wear home