



FAITH & FAMILY CONNECTION



V I R T U E O F T H E W E E K

CHARITY

Charity, also known as love, usually represented by a heart, enables one to love as God Himself loves. With this virtue, we love God above all things and are more concerned about our neighbor than we are about ourselves.

In the human body the heart is the very center that pumps the blood that keeps us alive. Love is this center of our spiritual lives. It keeps us alive and well in the very heart of Christ.

The Apostle Paul describes the attributes of love in 1 Corinthians 13. These verses are often read aloud at weddings, but they are meant for our everyday life. Our everyday interactions should have this kind of Christ-like love for our neighbor. "If I have the gift of prophecy, and all knowledge, if I have faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing." 1 Corinthians 13:2 What Paul is saying, is that even if we have all the other virtues down perfectly, if we live them out without love in our hearts, it is all meaningless. Love is at the center of every virtue.

Ideas for Families:

- **Read & Discuss together:**

Luke 10:25-37

- **Pray:** Jesus, you are the author of all love. Help us to serve others with Your love in our hearts. Give us opportunities to show charity and love to those around us, at school and at home. Amen

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FOR LOVE COMES FROM GOD.
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BEEN BORN OF GOD AND
KNOWS GOD. WHOEVER DOES
NOT LOVE DOES NOT KNOW
GOD, BECAUSE GOD IS LOVE."**

1 JOHN 4:7-8