

Real Love

real love is something we all need from others

Share a time you needed real love and encouragement & no one gave it to you

Real love brings happiness & means sharing each others joys

Share something from your life that you are very proud or happy about

Real love means sharing each others sorrows

Tell of something hard or painful in your life or your family. Ask everyone to pray for you to ask God to give you comfort & hope

Real love can be shown using words

Using each person in your groups name say to them "I love you ___"

God is the ultimate source of love

Pray: "God I am so thankful for your awesome love because ___"

Real love is more than a feeling- it is action

Tell of a chance you had to show real love, but didn't

Real love makes a difference in our lives

Thank someone for a specific time they treated you with real love & how you felt

Real love can be communicated through sincere friendliness

make eye contact & give a big smile to each member of your group

Real love means appreciating each other's unique contributions

Demonstrate your special talent or dumb human trick

Real love takes effort & God made human beings to give and receive love

Belt out a current song that has the word love in it

Read & Discuss

Read Phil2:1-5 what is one phrase from this that your group is good at doing? which phrase is the hardest to put into action

Read 1Cor1:10 how can our group become more united? how can you contribute to that unity?

Read Rom12:9-10, 15-16 When has someone shown this kind of love to you during a tough time in your life?

Read 1Peter1:22 What is one thing others in this group could do to make you feel sincerely & deeply loved?

Read Matt22:37-40 If you showed this kind of love to others, how would it impact your relationships?

Read 1John4:1-12 how has this kind of love impacted your life?

Read Gal5:13-14 what is one practical way you can show real love to your family by serving them?

Read Col3:12-14 which of these do you need to be more intentional about sharing with others?

Read 1Peter3:8-9 What is the best example of harmony you've seen in our group

Read 1Cor13:4-7 does this description of love describe you? when the word love is spoken- each say the name of the person to their left

Read John 15:13 Jesus is the one true portrait of real love. Pray: Jesus you are our example of real love. Help us to love like you. Help us to show real sacrificial love to our family. and friends & church family. Thank you for loving us so much that you laid down your life for us. Amen.

perform 1Cor 13:4–7 with a partner as Shakespeare dialogue with British accents etc.

discuss:

share:

draw & share: a youth group that doesn't show real love

write down: five totally random words– then work together to create a definition of true love using all 5 words

freeze frame action in pairs: one poses as a person who has never received real love, the other one who has

act out: one way you will try to show real love today– group guess what it is
draw & share what love would look like if it were a sport

do:

5 ways to live out real love this week:

1– read John 15 & pray God will help you love Jesus & others more deeply

2– plan & hold a family night where everyone shares fun & true love

3– write a card of encouragement & love to a friend going through a hard time

4– ask a youth group friend to honestly tell you how you can show more real love to others & then follow their suggestions

5– show real love by serving someone in need in your community & pray for them

act out & group guess: one way you can show love today

share: 3 things you can do to show love

draw or share: a scene from a movie that depicts genuine love

write & share: the ingredients of pure love

act out: a scene that portrays pure love in action

act out: the difference pure love makes in someone's life

share: a character in a book who showed love

act out: a time you saw love in action this week

think about: one way I will show genuine love to this group

act out: charades “love your neighbor”

act out: a way to show love to someone who makes you crazy

brainstorm: as many words as you can that describe genuine love

pray: God help me more loving with ____

act out: a scene where someone needs pure love but nobody gives it

brainstorm: the world's definition of love

draw: a teen showing real love

share: when you experiences growing love for someone by deciding to show them love

pray: thanking God for his genuine love