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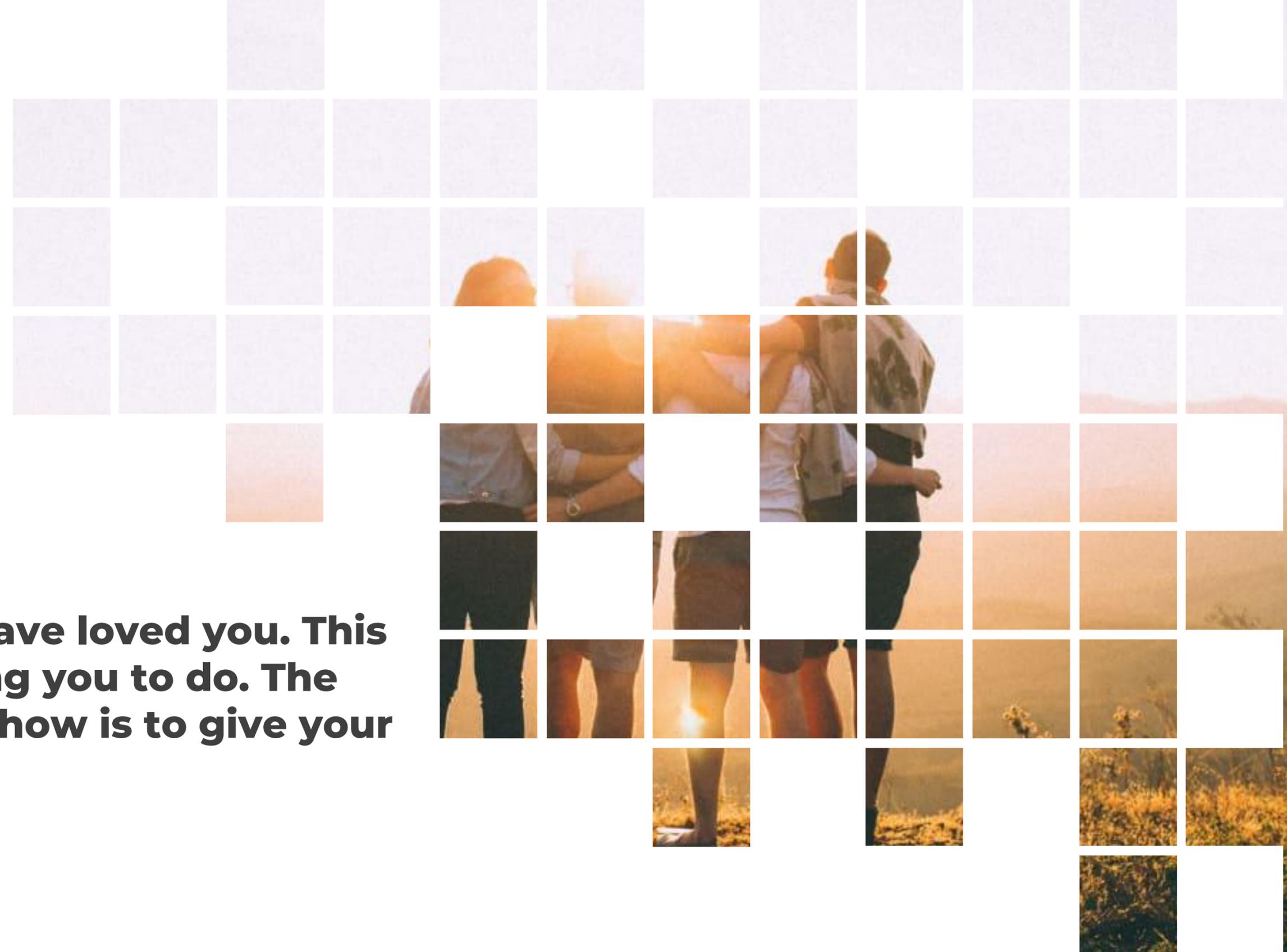
HOW GOD CAN GIVE YOU A BIGGER HEART

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“Love each other as I have loved you. This is what I’m commanding you to do. The greatest love you can show is to give your life for your friends.”

- John 15:12-13 GW





What is love?

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Unselfish, loyal and benevolent concern for the good of another. Warm attachment, enthusiasm, or devotion. An intense feeling of deep affection.



Do you have love?

Love is unselfish, loyal and has genuine concern for the good of another.



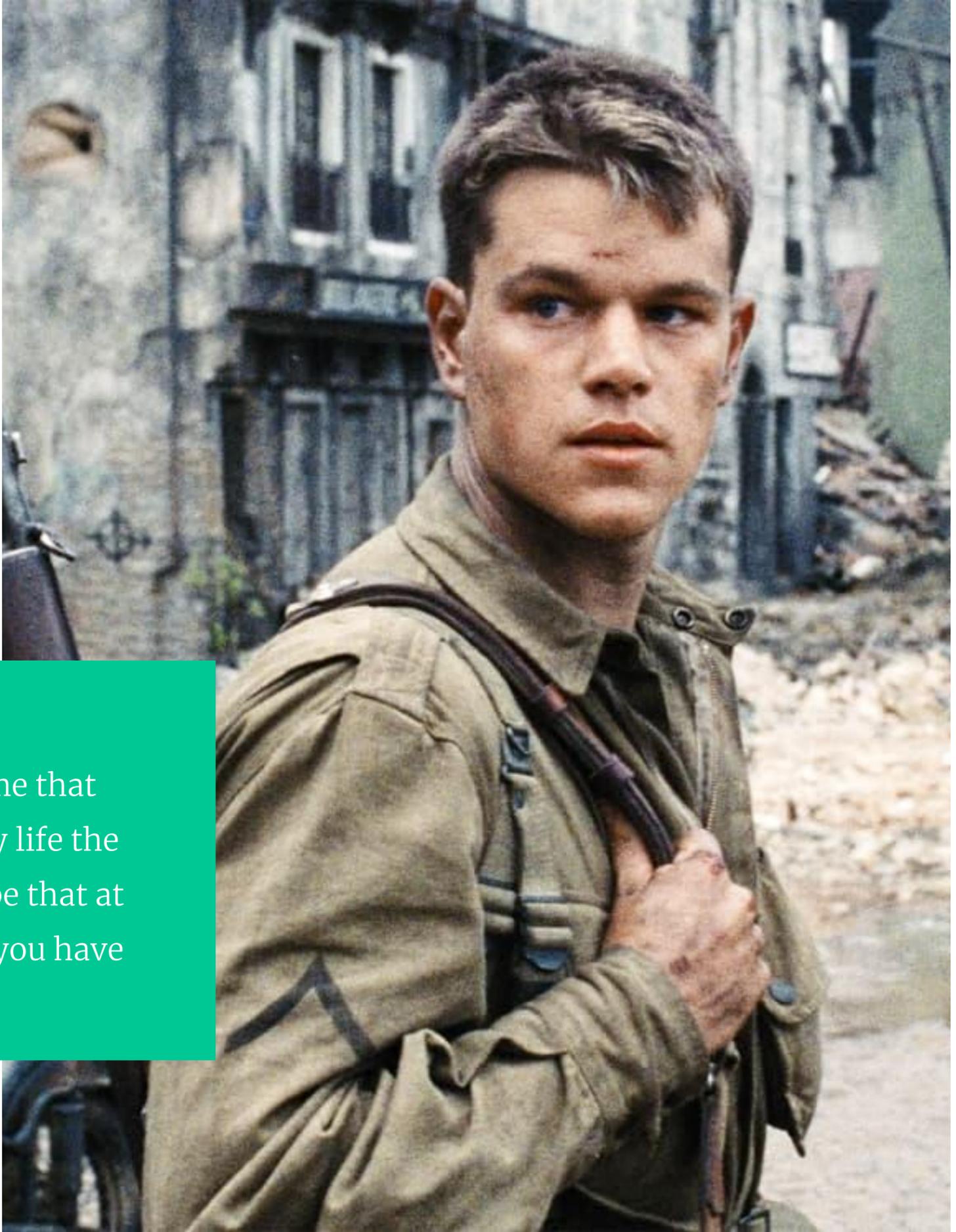
Who is someone in your life who you know loves you?



How do you know that person loves you?

Saving Private Ryan

Directed by Steven Spielberg
1998



Every day I think about what you said to me that day on the bridge. And I've tried to live my life the best I could. I hope that was enough. I hope that at least in your eyes, I've earned what all of you have done for me.





Your goal

What can you change in your relationship with God so that you love like he does?

God Loves You at Your Worst

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This is love: He loved us long before we loved him. It was his love, not ours. He proved it by sending his Son to be the pleasing sacrificial offering to take away our sins. [11] Delightfully loved ones, if he loved us with such tremendous love, then “loving one another” should be our way of life!

- 1 John 4:10-11 TPT

- ★ **God loves you at your worst**
When you understand that God loves you even when you really don't deserve it, you will start loving other people.
- ★ **Love is a choice**
Jesus set the bar with the ultimate example of love and sacrifice. It's how we should be for each other.
- ★ **Do you believe God loves you at your worst?**
What does your “worst” look like? What are the things you have done that you most need Jesus to take away from you?

Love is a Verb

By John Mayer

“ Love ain't a drug /
Despite what you've
heard / Yeah love ain't a
thing / Love is a verb / So
you gotta show me.

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Love Is a Verb

Love as God Loves You

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34 “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. **35** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

- **John 13:34-35 (NIV)**

★ **Love shouldn't feel forced**

When you understand how much God loves you, you will want to pay it forward

★ **Love is the way to know you're close to God**

The mark of someone with a true relationship with God is how much they love other people, not how well they follow the rules or how perfect they are

★ **How has God loved you?**

Think of some examples of ways that God has taken care of you and loved you

God's Love Makes us Fearless

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God's love has reached its goal in us. So we look ahead with confidence to the day of judgment. While we are in this world, we are exactly like him with regard to love. [18] No fear exists where his love is. Rather, **perfect love gets rid of fear**, because fear involves punishment. The person who lives in fear doesn't have perfect love.

- 1 John 4:17-18 GW

- ★ **Love makes you forget you're afraid**
God can help you care so much about someone that you stop being afraid of them or what they think of you.
- ★ **Punishment won't motivate you**
The fear of getting in trouble will only get you to do certain things. Love is a more powerful motivator.
- ★ **What does your fear level show about your relationship with God?**
Is your heart more filled with fear (of how you look, getting in trouble, rejection) or love?

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Decision

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Talk it through

What are some areas or relationships in your life where you need God's help to become more loving?



There is only one happiness in this life: to love and be loved.

-George Sand



Take action

Who are 2-3 people you will decide to start loving? What will you do for them?

Next steps

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These follow up actions will help you put into practice the decisions you made, and allow God to start shaping your character.



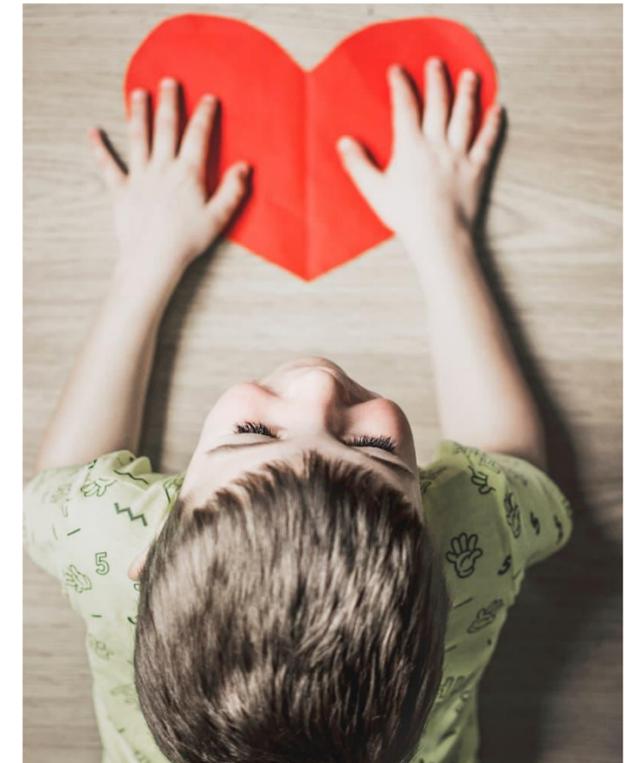
Read together

The book of 1 John. Look for the action words associated with love.



Watch together

Stranger Things. Identify how the kids lay down their lives for each other.



Do together

Do something unselfish for a member of your family.

Further study

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1 Corinthians 13:1-7

NCV

2

John 15:12-13

NIV

3

Romans 5:6-8

NIV

4

2 Corinthians 5:14

NIV

5

1 John 3:18-20

MSG