

2023 Jr. RBI Spiritual Development Curriculum: Week 3

Theme for the Year: What is LOVE?

Verse for the Year: “Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not want what belongs to others. It does not brag. It is not proud. It does not dishonor other people. It does not look out for its own interests. It does not easily become angry. It does not keep track of other people’s wrongs.” 1 Corinthians 13:4-5 NIRV

Weekly “Love Challenge”: *Love doesn’t want what belongs others.*

This week, our challenge is to show love by *not wanting what belongs to others*. This is also called envy or jealousy. Have you ever wanted something that wasn’t yours before? Maybe your brother or sister got a really cool birthday present that you wish you had instead. Or maybe one of your classmates showed up to school in a brand new pair of shoes that you’ve been asking your parents for. Can anyone think of a time when you wanted something that wasn’t yours? *(Give your players a chance to respond here. Encourage them not to be afraid to share, we’ve all had this feeling before)*. Even adults like me want for things that we shouldn’t. *(Give an example here to your team)*. God wants us to be happy with what he has given us, most importantly the gift of his son Jesus; but he also wants us to be happy with the family, friends, house, clothes, toys, and so on that we have. I know it may seem hard, but this week can we all try to show God’s love by not wanting what doesn’t belong to us? Alright, let’s pray!

Weekly Prayer Prompt:

God, thank you for all of the many blessings that we have. Thank you for being able to play baseball and softball together. Thank you for our team of players and coaches here today. Lord, please help us to be happy and content with what we have in you this

week. Help us not to want what we don't have, but instead to be thankful for all the things you do for us. Lastly, thank you for your son Jesus who died for our sins. Let him be our favorite gift of all. In Jesus' name, AMEN.

(These prayer prompts are for your reference but feel free to make prayer your own. We just want to ensure that we are speaking God's love and truth over our players every week.)