

EarthCare (Teens): Love

Power Points for Facilitators & Teen Leaders:

- God is all good and active in everything, everywhere.
- I create my experiences by what I choose to think and what I feel and believe.
- I do my best by living the Truth I know. I make a difference!
- Classroom facilitators are here to draw out our youth, teens lead the direction of our conversations and facilitators are guides along the way.

Opening Prayer / Inspiration Reading

A Jewish Prayer Inspirational, writer unknown.

And God saw everything that He had made and found it was very good.

And he said: This is a beautiful world that I have given you. Take good care of it, do not ruin it.

It is said: Before the world was created, the Holy One kept creating worlds and destroying them. Finally He created this one, and was satisfied. He said to Adam, "This is the last world I shall make. I place it in your hands, hold it in trust."

Opening Affirmation

I am deep earth soul-shaking love.

Check In

Share what love means to you and how you see love work in the world around you.

Joy Song

It's In Every One of Us by David Pomerantz

It's in everyone of us, to be wise.
Find your heart, open up both your eyes.
We can all know everything, without ever knowing why.
It's in everyone of us, by and by.
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(x2)

It's in everyone of us, I just remembered.
It's like I been sleeping for years.

I'm not awake as I can be, but my seeing is better.
I can see, through the tears.
I've been realizing that, I bought this ticket and watching only half of the show.
There is scenery and lights and a cast of thousands,
Who all know, what I know, and it's good. That it's so.

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Lesson – Love

Quote – “Take away love and our earth will be a tomb.” – Robert Browning

“Lord grant that I might not so much seek to be loved as to love.” – Saint Francis of Assisi

Scripture – “God is Love and those who abide in Love, abide in God and God abides in them.” 1 John 4:16

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” 2 Timothy 1:7

(NOTE for leader – if time allows you may want to share what you feel when you read the quote and scripture)

DIVINE LOVE by Charles Fillmore (Excerpt from Dynamics for Living)

Love is the drawing power of mind. It is the magnet of the universe, and about it may be clustered all the attributes of being, by one who thinks in divine order. Many who have found the law of true thinking and its effect wonder why supply does not come to them after months and years of holding thoughts of bounty. It is because they have not developed love. They have formed the right image in mind, but the magnet that draws the substance from the storehouse of Being has not been set into action.

Love never sees anything wrong in that which it loves. If it did, it would not be pure love. Pure love is without discriminating power. It simply pours itself out upon the object of its affection, and takes no account of the result. By doing so, love sometimes casts its pearls before swine, but its power is so great that it transforms all that it touches.

1. love is a spiritual law, to be loving is part of who we are as community at the spiritual core, why is this?

2. How do you express love at home, school, ect.

3. Explain how Love in and of itself is an Earthcare ministry. If love is a desire and love is an action, then we can unify people in the works of good, this is ministry. Share experiences when you have seen or been part of Love at work, (for example) on a broad scale how a community will come together work side by side for the benefit of neighbors after a natural disaster. Or maybe a young person speaks, like Isra Hirsi from Minnesota who organized 1.6 million students across 120 countries to skip school to demand change for climate action and spoke at a march in Minneapolis. There is no such thing as an act that is too big to small to be ministry and the work of Earthcare.

Meditation/ Centering/ Mindful Moment

I invite you to get comfortable, close your outer eyes and take 3 very large deep breaths. As you breathe, breathe slowly and deeply. As we breathe remember ... I am a being of love... My nature is to be loving ... I live a life filled with love ... I am love ... In prayer, I send forth love that is filled in power, love that is healing and that guides.

I am a radiating center of divine love ... There is no person, no place, no thing, is beyond my capacity to love. Even if the way before me seemed impossible, love always finds a way to bless and uplift my world.

Love is mighty ... I am a child of a loving God. All my thoughts move toward love ... Any feelings that are in the way of my well being are swept away by unconditional love.

I am a radiating center of divine love. Love is everlasting. (Allow a few moments of silence and then invite everyone to open their eyes when they are ready.)

Creative Experience

Kindness is a powerful tool to be Love in Action and stand in our TRUTH. Kindness is a tool to Earthcare. Think about the concept of Pay it Forward and how you feel when you are the recipient of Kindness!!! We are going to build a 'calendar' and each of us will come up with ideas to show loving kindness to our planet for each day for an entire month.

Keep a journal on your acts of kindness and remember to share the experiences with your inner circle to inspire kindness and love in action.

Blessings & Closing Prayer/ Inspiration Reading

Today I think thoughts of abundance and well-being, because I know that at any time and in any circumstance, the Spirit of love is available to me. Blessings await my planet as I turn to the warmth and enrichment in the power of love. Thank you, God!! AMEN!!

5 Basic Unity Principles

God is all good and active in everything, everywhere.

I am naturally good because God's Divinity is in me and in everyone.

I create my experiences by what I choose to think and what I feel and believe.

Through affirmative prayer and meditation, I connect with God and bring out the good in my life.

I do and give my best.