



THE LOVE CUBE (L3)

(Love God More/Self-Love/**Look to Love Others**)

———— **PART 3** ————

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ACTIVITY:

Start the life group with a game called, "RECOGNITION."

It should take about 5 - 7 minutes for all the family members to participate in the activity.

This is an example of how it is played.

Family Member #1:	I have a recognition (in a really silly voice)
Rest of the Family:	RECOGNIZE! (Imitating the silly voice of Family Member #1)
Family Member #1:	I Said I Have a Recognition (in even sillier and louder voice)
Rest of the Family:	RECOGNIZE!! (Imitating the even sillier and louder voice of Family Member #1)
Family Member #1:	I SAID I HAVE A RECOGNITION (in the SILLIEST and LOUDEST voice of Family Member #1)
Rest of the Family:	RECOGNIZE!!! (Imitating the SILLIEST and LOUDEST voice of Family Member #1)
Family Member #1:	I want to recognize... (Family Member #1 names another family member in the room and tells that family member what Family Member #1 loves about them)



Notes:

- Once Family Member #1 finishes recognizing another family member, the family member who was recognized repeats EVERYTHING Family member #1 did, then selects a different family member to recognize with love.
- This continues until all family members are recognized with love
- You'll want to encourage all family members to address one another in the first person if possible (i.e., "I Want to Recognize YOU because YOU always try to make people laugh and I love that about YOU")

Questions to Think About (and Share):

1. How did you feel when you looked to recognize someone else?
2. How did it feel when someone recognized You? How did their words make you feel?

Depending on the responses from everyone, you can pause to make the brief point that receiving words of love from others can feel really nice and special; that's why it's important to give words and actions of love to others so they can experience the same feeling.

Let's go back and look at the passage and we read the last two times we were together. Let's look at **Matthew 22:36-40 CEV**

36 "Teacher, which command in the law is the most important?"

37 Jesus answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." [d] 38 This is the first and most important command. 39 And the second command is like the first: 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.' [e] 40 All the law and the writings of the prophets depend on these two commands."
Matthew 22:35 - 40 CEV

At your discretion, you can take time to do a quick recap about how God wants us to love Him with everything we have and how this should challenge us each day to love God more. Also, recap that it's important to take time to love ourselves, as long as our self-love doesn't become selfish. This doesn't have to take long; it can be as simple as what you just read. After the recap, you can go into the following questions...

Questions About What We Read:

1. Jesus commands us to love our neighbor. Who do you think "our neighbor" is?
2. How do we love so many neighbors?
3. After everyone gives their answers, you can confirm that everyone (that is not you) is your neighbor and when we are around or thinking about others, we should always be asking, "God how do You want me to love better? Who do you want me to treat the same way I would want to be treated?"
4. (It may be good to read about the Good Samaritan as found in Luke 10:25-37)
5. There are a lot of people in the world. There are people who do not receive the same amount of love. Can you think of a person you know who isn't recognized with love?
6. On a scale of 1 - 10, "1" being, "very little," "10" being, "with all that I have," how would you rate the love you have for God, the love you have for yourself, the love that you have for others?

THE CHALLENGE: SHOW SOME LOVE

Challenge each family member to list two neighbors (physical neighbors, classmates, workmates, distant relatives, someone they may see at church who seems like they need love). Challenge each family member to think about how they can "Show Some Love" to those two neighbors they mentioned. Have all family members share!

PRAYER:

God, we love You and we want to love you more! We know that You created us and we want to love ourselves in a healthy way. Lord, we want to learn to love others more. Right now we pray for (list all the people that came up in the family conversation)

Help and show us how to "Show Some Love" to our neighbors. In Jesus' name, amen.