FOR PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIATE GRADES: Real Love

When we think about Valentine's Day, the first thing that hits our thoughts is the word "love." But what is love? Many of us use the word pretty loosely: "I love candy"; "I love to play my computer games"; "I love school."

But can we really love material objects, or is love about our relationships with people? "God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails" (1 Corinthians 13:4-8a).

Put a check mark in the box before each situation that shows love toward someone. 1. Seta picked up her toys because Dad said if she didn't she wouldn't get a treat. John cleaned his room because he knew his mother was sick and she would be pleased. 3. Sarah wrote her brother, Andy, a letter because she knew he was lonely in the college. 4. George went up to his little sister yelling, "I want my toy back and I want it right now!" Emily sincerely prayed for her sick friend, Robert. Sue's mom always made sure her children had milk and orange juice, even though she didn't have much money. Ron didn't have much time, but something made him stop 7. and buy flowers for his wife. 8. Jenny knew if she did Ann's laundry, maybe Ann would let Jenny borrow her favorite sweater. 9. George often got very angry with his son, Andy, and told him he was stupid. 10. When Judy won a prize for spelling, she decided to give it to her friend, Georgia. 11. June saw that her mom looked tired, so she decided to watch her little brother without being asked. Bill told John, "I have the nicest bike on the block, especially compared to yours!" 12. "How can I forgive you? First you hit me, then you smashed my favorite toy, and now 13. you're lying about yesterday," June said to her brother. "I know you are having a bad start in school this year, but I trust you and know you 14. will keep trying to do better," Josh's mom said to him. Chris looked at his dad and said, "No matter what happens, you will always be there

for me, won't you Dad?" "That's right, Chris, no matter what," his dad replied.

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