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**Peter Rabbit (2018) | *Learning to Love* | BIBLE STUDY**

Facilitator Note: *We encourage facilitators and parents to take this Bible study and expound on it throughout the week, allowing it to be a springboard for deeper conversation and personal meditation.*

## PRESS START

**Peter Rabbit** featured a variety of fun characters including the adventurous Peter, the adorable Flopsy, the bossy Mopsy, the crazy Cotton Tail, and the shy Benjamin Bunny, along with many other animals. **Which bunny do you think you are most like? Are you more adventurous, bossy, crazy, or shy?**

## EQUIP

Peter Rabbit had to learn a hard lesson about love in this movie. He thought he could show his love for Bea by “protecting” her from the new Mr. McGregor, but really his actions were selfish. He wanted to keep Bea for himself and not share her with anyone else, especially someone he didn’t really know, but certainly didn’t like.

Through his efforts to separate Bea from her new boyfriend, Peter ends up causing much more destruction and mayhem than he intended—not just for Mr. McGregor, but for Bea, his sisters, and cousin as well. His actions, which were intended to help people, created problems that ended up hurting the ones he cared about because Peter did not understand how to really love someone. He had to learn that when you love someone, you have to put their wants and needs before your own.

## LEVEL UP

Read **1 Corinthians 13**. We will be focusing on verses 4-6, but knowing the context of the chapter will help us understand it.

**1 Corinthians 13:4-6** *“Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged.”*

**“Love is not jealous.” What do you think this sentence means?**

Not being jealous means we put the other person first. It means we aren’t upset when someone we love does something without us or when they spend time with other people. In short, it means we are not selfish. When we are jealous of someone’s time and get upset when they spend time with

other people, we are really only thinking about ourselves and how we want to spend time with them. We are not thinking about them and what they want. This is how Peter acted with Bea. He was selfish and focused on wanting her for himself and not on what was best for her.

The bible gives us the perfect example of what selfless loves looks like in the gospels.

**John 3:16** *"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."*

God demonstrated the most selfless love that anyone ever has. Jesus did not want to die on the cross. He knew it would hurt. God was not happy his son died on the cross. It was painful and he did not want to see him suffer. But God loved us so much he didn't care if it hurt. He was willing to do whatever it took to save us from our sins.

Jesus knew the only way people could ever get to know God was through his death, and so he was not selfish, jealous, or proud. He demonstrated perfect love so we could follow his example and love others in the same way. We likely will not have to die for our friends, but we might have to give up doing something we like in order to help them with their homework or cheer them on in a ball game.

## MOD

**Have you ever been jealous when a friend hung out with someone else instead of you?** Everyone experiences being jealous at some point in their life. When you feel yourself getting jealous, remember 1 Corinthians 13.

**Think of a time when you put yourself before your friends. What could you have done differently to put them first instead?**

**Brainstorm some ways you can show love to others this week by putting them first.**

## PRAY

**Does anyone have anything we need to pray about?**

Pray and thank God for loving us so much that he was willing to die for us so we could get to know him. Ask him to give us the same kind of love for others people and to help us show that love to others.

## THE NEXT LEVEL

**Philippians 2:3-4** *"Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too."*

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