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**John 15:13** (NIV)

John 15:12-13

"Mom! I want to give my friends Valentine candies," said Charlie.

It was two weeks before Valentines Day and he wanted to do something special.

"Okay," replied Mom, "You can find extra work and earn the money you need!"

"Oh," responded Charlie. "Maybe I'll just go play in the yard."

"But Charlie," said his mom. "It's good to do something special for your friends."

"I thought maybe you'd just give me the money," he replied shyly. "I didn't want to have to work for it."

Charlie's mom called him over to sit in the kitchen. She opened her Bible and said, "Read what Jesus said about this."

Charlie read, "Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:12-13 NIV)

Mom explained how Jesus gave His life even to the point of dying for each one of us. "We can give our work, our time, our resources and even our lives for someone we really love. Real love costs us something, but it's worth it," she said.

"Excuse me, Mom," said Charlie. "I need to go."

"Where are you going now?" asked Mom.

"I'm going to find a job. I really do love my friends. I want to give them something that will show them they are important to me, like Jesus showed us we are important to Him!"

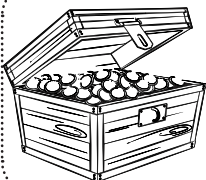


## What did we discover?

- 1) We can show love to others by giving \_\_\_\_\_.  
OUR LEFT OVERS      OUR OLD STUFF      OUR BEST
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ are the best gift we can give.  
OUR LIVES      MONEY      CANDIES
- 3) When I give my time and my best, I'm giving my \_\_\_\_\_.  
PETS      LIFE      MONEY
- 4) Jesus gave his \_\_\_\_\_ to save me.  
MONEY      LEAST      LIFE



**Who can I tell about the great love of Jesus this week?**



**Jesus really loves me.**

Jesus gave His life  
to save me from sin.



**Jesus,  
Your love for me  
is huge!**

