



## B REVEALING WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS

# Loving our young people

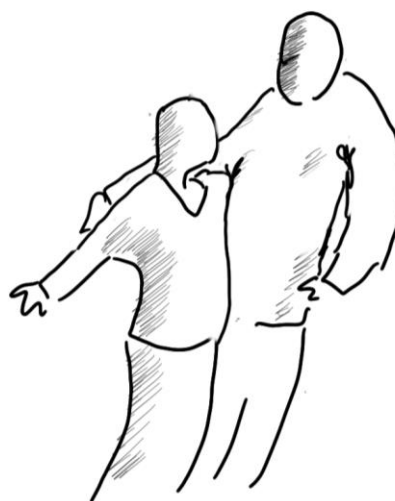
## ? Why use this Bible study?

This Bible study helps us understand how much God values young people. We are called to build relationships with people of different ages and to love, value, support and encourage each other.

## 📖 Love never fails

### Read 1 Corinthians 13: 1- 8

These verses are a popular choice for weddings. But they are not only relevant for the marriage relationship. Rather, they are to be our guide and inspiration for all relationships - including relationships with our young people.



## 🔑 Key points

- Love, rather than fear, must be at the centre of our relationships with young people.
- We must not look down on anyone because of their age. God can use and call young people to set an example for others.

## 👤 Questions for discussion

- Reflect on the verses in 1 Corinthians 13. How do they instruct us to relate to one another?
- How are young people talked about, and talked to, in our community? Is this done in a loving way?
- In what practical ways can we show love and respect towards our young people as 1 Corinthians 13 calls us to?
- How can our 'love' of young people be from a place of acknowledging their value, worth and positive contribution to society?
- How can we facilitate inter-generational dialogues, so that our engagement starts from a place of understanding of each other, rather than from a place of presumptions, assumptions and negative experiences?

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**Read 1 John 4: 18**

- Are some people fearful of young people? Why is this?
- How can we allow love to overcome this fear?
- How can we better understand the challenges and pressures facing young people today?

**Read: 1 Timothy 4: 12**

- In our community, are young people respected, or looked down upon, because of their age?
- What influences the way people feel about young people? How are young people talked about in the local and national media?
- Are young people listened to? Are their opinions considered to be important? What needs to change? What practical actions can we take?
- How can young people take part in decision-making processes in our families, churches and communities?
- What opportunities could we give to young people in our communities to take positions of authority, responsibility and leadership?

**Related tools**

- A1 – Revealing the need to value and equip young people [A1: Children & youth-2]
- A2 – Listening to and understanding young people [A2: Children & youth-4]

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