

MEETINGHOUSE

KIDS

Georgie had a little problem today...he tried to find the perfect gift for all his friends, but realized something important...what did he realize?

- a. That he needs a haircut
- b. That everybody loves bacon and cheese balls
- c. That everybody is different and likes different things

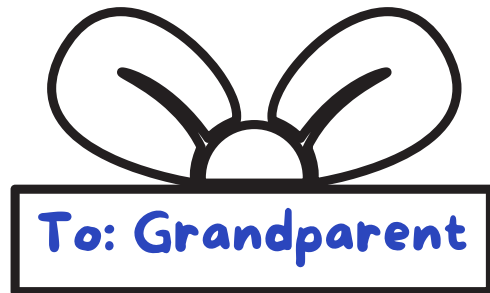


Can you remember what gifts Georgie wanted to give his friends?

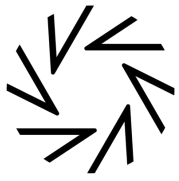
Min:

Organic Bob:

Weather Puppets:



Can you think of different gifts to give to different people in your life?



MEETINGHOUSE parents & caregivers

In this episode of The Unnamed Kid's Show, Georgie makes an important realization: God created us all to receive and express love in different ways. Some kids light up when you give them a sincere compliment, while others beam when snuggled at the end of the day. All kids need to receive love in all five love languages, but deserve to feel seen and shown love in their primary love language.

Here you can take a quick little quiz to help figure out your child's love language:

<https://5lovelanguages.com/quizzes/love-language>

If you'd like to help your child understand their own love language, and how to practice the Platinum rule, read "A Perfect Pet for Peyton" by Gary Chapman and Rick Osborn.



Physical Touch

Try: Find playful ways to show your kiddo they're loved by making up a secret handshake or pattern of hand squeezes in public to say "I love you."

Skip: Any type of unkind touch hurts every child, but can devastate a child whose primary love language is touch. Also, studies show dads of girls tend to limit affection when daughters reach puberty, but all kids still need the warmth and safety of their parent/caregiver's hug.



Receiving Gifts

Try: Pick up a beautiful rock or doodle a little picture for your child- gifts don't have to be extravagant to be important. To kids whose love language is receiving gifts, the gift is a symbol of your love and affection.

Skip: Overdoing it. Keep it simple and developmentally appropriate.



Words of Affirmation

Try: Put a note in their coat pocket, let them overhear you speaking highly of them, or make up a silly phrase just for them to repeat everyday.

Skip: Harsh words, yelling, and conditional language, like, "I love you, but..." cuts deeper to a child who relies on words of affirmation to feel loved.



Acts of Service

Try: Do little things to show your love- warm up their jacket on a cold day, write a little note to tuck in their backpack. Recognize their request for help as a request for love.

Skip: Doing everything for everything for your kiddo. It's also important to walk alongside them to help them learn self-reliance.



Quality Time

Try: Give your kiddo undivided attention, extra time to talk at bedtime, do chores side-by-side or run errands together- quality time doesn't have to be extreme to be special.

Skip: Isolation as a punishment feels extra severe to kids who crave connection.



Faith Connection

1 Corinthians 16:14: Let all you do be done in love.

1 John 4:7: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.