

“I Love You” Wire Object Lesson

(Also can be used with our Heart wire)

The wire can be used in a number of illustrations. Here's just one for you.

There's nothing you can do to make me love you less

- *Take the wire and straighten it out beforehand so that students do not see what the original shape was.*
- Let's say that this wire represents our life and relationship with God. We all straight off innocent, right? But what happens? We mess up. *Bend the wire one way.* We make the wrong decision. *Bend the wire again.* We take the wrong path. *Bend it around yet again.*
- And then there are times when we really mess things up, aren't there? We have hurt the people in our lives. We know we have hurt God with our decisions. We think things like: How can we ever look those people in the face again? How can we ever think God would continue to love us?
- Have you ever heard of “unconditional” love? What does it mean when something is “unconditional”? *There are no hidden clauses. There are no “excepts” or “buts” when it comes to a statement. There are no terms in which the statement or agreement is ever void, null, or negated.*
- How many things can you think of that that applies to? How many things can you think of that are “unconditional”? *Not much comes to mind except...the love of our God.*
- *Read Romans 8:35-39 aloud.*
- So what are the conditions that we read about that would cause God to love us less or stop loving us altogether? *There are none.*
- God loved us before we could reject Him. He sent His Son to die on the cross for our sins BEFORE we could ever reject His gift. There are no conditions for His love for us. He doesn't love us because of what we can give or do or say. He loves us...just because.
- We are so used to living life according to conditions. We will treat others nicely if we are treated nicely by them, but if they are rude to us...all bets are off! But that's not what Christ said in Matthew 5:43, was it?
- *Hold up the wire to show everyone how contorted it is.*
- No matter how many times you have messed up, no matter how many bad decisions you have made, God's response to you is always the same...
- *Apply heat (approx. 115°F) to the wire in hot water or by using a hairdryer until it regains its original shape.*
- I love you. There's nothing you can do to be loved by God any less. His love is unconditional without any caveats or small print.
- He just tells us “I love you”. Are you going to allow that to change you?