

**LEAD WITH LOVE**

## Fill the Gap

SERIES BIG IDEA:

**What does love require of me?****A gap is created whenever behaviors don't meet expectations.****Whenever there is a gap, I choose how to fill the gap.****WE DETERMINE WHAT GOES IN THE GAP WITH:**

- "What we see"
- "Who we are."

**WE FILL THE GAP BY:**

- "Assuming the worst"
- "Believing the best."

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup>It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup>Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

<sup>7</sup>It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NIV)

**When we assume the worst, trust erodes and the relationship corrodes.****Believing the best deposits trust into our relationship.****When trust in the relationship climbs, the relationship will endure hard times.**

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

**Love requires me to always protect the relationship by filling the gap with trust and hope.**

**When we trust in God we have a greater capacity to trust in others.****Trust always believes the best in others.**

- **Challenge my assumptions.**
- **Ask clarifying questions.**

**Hope always wants the best for others.**

- **See others the way God sees them.**
- **Hope in God's plan and the Holy Spirit's work.**

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