

High School**February 11, 2018**

The Season of Love

This upcoming Wednesday will be a rare clash of two celebrations.

For the first time in more than sixty years, Valentine's Day is the same date as Ash Wednesday.

Many Christians recognize Ash Wednesday as the solemn beginning of Lent. The next forty days are a somber time to prepare for Jesus' death on the cross.

In a different kind of celebration, most people honor their loved ones on February 14, Valentine's Day. All over the world, people feast on chocolate, exchange gifts, and go out for fancy dinners.

Because of the clash of the two celebrations, Christians might be wondering how to commemorate February 14 this year.

Perhaps use this clash of cultures as a reminder. During these forty days of Lent, try to find new ways to show the love of Christ to a world that desperately needs it.

Discussion Questions

- How is the love Jesus showed on the cross different than the love we celebrate on Valentine's Day? How is it the same?
- How can you show the love of Christ to a world that desperately needs it? Talk about specific service projects your youth group or Sunday School class could do for your community.