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Practice Happiness by Loving Others

The Be Happy for Life Love Game

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Two or more players of any age can play **THE BE HAPPY FOR LIFE LOVE GAME** (2-8 players is optimal). Play time should be determined by participants.

Print sheets and cut along dashes. Stack cards and place them upside down on table. One player draws a card from the deck, reads it aloud, and responds. Other player(s) remain silent during this time. After responding, player #1 can ask other players to respond or to answer the same question. Open discussion is encouraged. Afterwards, player on the left draws a card. Game continues in same manner until pre-determined time is up. For added fun, add own questions.

THE BE HAPPY FOR LIFE LOVE GAME is noncompetitive. Everyone is a winner as they spend quality time with others in sharing, listening, and thinking about the role and importance of love in their lives. **THE BE HAPPY FOR LIFE LOVE GAME** encourages openness, self-reflection, and deepened insight about the significance of love in one's life.

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Think about the people you love. What is different in the way you love each one of them?

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If you had to make a list of the people you love, who would on that list?

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Which type of love is most dominant in your life and relationships (eros, phileo, or agape love)?

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If you had to define love, how would you describe it?

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List 2 different ways to say or express "I love you." (Note: It doesn't have to be in words only.)

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Explain what self-esteem means to you and how you think it relates to loving others.

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How can a low self-esteem make it difficult to receive love and to love others?

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Would others describe you as understanding and tolerant? Why or why not?

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What tests your patience more than anything else? How do you usually respond?

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On a scale of 0 to 10, with 10 being “completely” and 0 being “not at all” how would you rate your overall level of patience?

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Is there someone in your life that you need to be more patient with? What can you do differently?

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Would you describe yourself as a kind person? Why or why not?

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Describe a time when someone generously gave you their time and/or resources. How did it make you feel?

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Tell of an act of kindness in which you showed someone you loved them.

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What do you most enjoy about giving?

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Do you believe all people should be respected? Do you think they need to earn respect? Explain.

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Do you think it's always necessary to consider others' feelings and needs when making a decision that affects them? Why or why not?

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Who do you feel is especially thoughtful towards you? How does that make you feel?

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Would others describe you as thoughtful and courteous? Why or why not?

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What percentage of your time do spend thinking about yourself (what you want, think, or feel)? What percentage is focused on others?

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What are you most afraid of losing? How have you tried to guard it?

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In what areas of your life are you most satisfied? Dissatisfied ?

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What types of qualities in others do you wish you had?

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Why do jealousy and envy cause resentment of others?

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Describe a time when another's success made you feel happy for them? Jealous? Envious?

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How do envy and jealousy keep people from loving others?

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When do you feel most content with your life? Discontent?

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When do you feel most secure in yourself? Insecure?

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What happens when people compare themselves with others?

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What does it really mean to be humble?

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Do you know anyone who communicates their love through humility? Give examples.

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What do you most respect and admire in people who are humble?

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What comes to mind when you think of someone who is overly demanding?

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What do you do to get your way?

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Has anyone ever described you as controlling or bossy? Explain.

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How do you react when someone crosses your boundaries?

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What does it mean to be “selfless”?

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In what ways are you “selfless”?

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What do you do when you are under more pressure than you feel you can handle?

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On a scale of 0 to 10, with 10 being severe and 0 being nonexistent, how would you rate your temper? How would those closest to you rate it?

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Why is forgiveness important to our relationships and life?

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What makes forgiving someone who wronged you most difficult?

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Did you ever want to be forgiven for something you said or did and weren't? How did that affect you?

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Do you expect others to forgive you when you hurt them?

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How do you know when you are loved sincerely and genuinely?

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Can love be true without honesty? Why or why not?

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What motivates you most to say and do the things you do for others?

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Think about people you would describe as sincere. Does their sincerity enable you to trust them more? Why or why not?

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[Add your own questions]