Theme
Love; Romantic

Objective
Students will contrast Love with Infatuation.

Warm Up
Blinded – You’ll need a powerful portable light and a stopwatch for this exercise. Set up an obstacle course in your room, and line the students up at one end. Tell them that you’ll time each student to see who can make it through the course the quickest. But, there’s a catch. The room will be pitch black, and you’ll be standing at the finish line shining your light on each runner. Turn out the lights and race!

Transition
Here are the missing words: hello, pepper spray, love, sight, bright, icy, froze, black eye, bloody nose, suffocating, mystique, smile, sneer, sorry, game, beam, sunglasses. Discuss:
- Do you believe in “love at first sight”? Why or why not?
- What’s the difference between “infatuation” and “love”?
- Who wants to tell a story about when they were interested in someone, but the feelings weren’t mutual?

Bible Study
Explain that an overpowering desire for a boyfriend or girlfriend can blind us to what’s really going on. Infatuation isn’t bad – without it, few people would choose to love another. But, infatuation can be like “fool’s gold” – it can trick us into thinking we have something (love) that we don’t really have. Here’s a look at what the Bible says about the contrast between love and infatuation.

Wrap Up
Adam Young, the musician who is Owl City (and a strong Christian) explained his thinking about his song: “It’s easy for people (like me) to become “blinded by the bright light” that is romance. Sometimes the flirty warm-fuzzies have a funny way of putting on Halloween masks and turning into hideous monsters, revealing that sometimes we prefer to force “being in love” for the sake of avoiding loneliness – we are romantically involved with someone for all the wrong reasons! “Deer in the Headlights” tackles this issue in a cheeky way, and pokes fun at the fact that sometimes, romantic relationships are not about LOVE at all! The song was my way of taking a step back from feeling the need to be in a relationship and embracing the fact that people were created to have seasons throughout life, and some doors should be gone through alone! The song is my way of pushing all the “fluff” aside so I can better focus on the things that truly matter. Ask, “What ‘fluff’ do you need to push aside so that you can better focus on what truly matters?” Give the students a few minutes to write some “Push Aside” thoughts, and then close in prayer.
**Missing Lyrics**

Met a girl in the parking lot
and all I did was say “____________________”
Her __________________ made it rather hard for me to
walk her home
But I guess that’s the way it goes

Tell me again, was it ___________________ at first ___________________?
After I walked by and you caught my eye?
Didn’t you know love could shine this ____________?
Well, smile because you’re the deer in the headlights

Met a girl with an __________________ charm
But when Beauty met the Beast, he ______________ got the sense
I was not her type by the ________________________________ and
__________________________
But I guess that’s the way it goes

(CHORUS)

**Love/Infatuation**

Love is __________________
1 Corinthians 13:4a; Proverbs 18:13

Love is __________________
1 Corinthians 13:4b; Proverbs 27:4

**Push Aside**

Love is __________________
1 Corinthians 13:5b; Acts 20:35; Philippians 2:4