

Playlist: Put love in the mix

WEEK
ONE

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4-5

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LIFE APP

Love—Choosing to treat others the way you want to be treated

KEY QUESTION

What makes you feel loved?

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

For Leaders Only
Create the Environment
Monthly Overview

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Just For Fun
Get Your Head in the Game

25
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Welcome/Opener
Worship
Communication
Prayer

10
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

"Love One Another" from *Every Beat*
"Live Your Love" from *Can't Stop, Won't Stop*
"Who You Say I Am" from *Who You Say I Am single*

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Take a Snapshot
Bible Story Extension
Discussion Questions
Verses to Take with You
Make it Personal with Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

GodTime
Parent Cue

GETTING READY

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION

1. JUST FOR FUN

Made to Move: an activity that increase the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

WHAT YOU NEED:

- An offering container
- Blindfold; one for each kid
- Conversation hearts (candy hearts); 250 for each small group

Note: The conversation hearts will be used several times over the course of the month.

2. GET YOUR HEAD IN THE GAME

Made to Connect: an activity that invites kiddies to share with others and build on their understanding

WHAT YOU NEED:

- No supplies needed

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

CHOOSE AS MANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES AS YOU LIKE.

1. TAKE A SNAPSHOT

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

Made to Move: an activity that increase the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Index cards; one for each kid
- Pens; one for each kid
- Dictionaries (or devices with access to an online dictionary or app); one for each kid

2. BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

Made to Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible

- Index cards; one for every two or three kids
- Pens; one for each kid

3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

Made to Connect: an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

WHAT YOU NEED:

- No supplies needed

4. VERSES TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

Made to Explore: an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- Large balloons; one for each kid
- Hex nuts; one for each kid (Hex nuts can be purchased online or at any store that sells hardware supplies.)
- For a visual, look up the following link for a demonstration of this activity: <http://bit.ly/31HmAkW>

5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

Made to Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bibles
- 10 clear CD cases
- "CD Insert" Activity Page; one set for each small group
 - Cut the squares apart and insert each into a CD case.
 - Note: These will be used every week with month.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- Make copies on cardstock or email this week's GodTime and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Studio252.tv** and the **Parent Cue app**.

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Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

Before kids arrive, spend a few moments in prayer about the upcoming month together with your kids. Pray that they would begin to form more mature understandings of what love really is and a better idea of how they can love those around them in ways that will encourage and build up their friends and family members.

1. JUST FOR FUN

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, candy hearts, blindfolds

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Give** each person 12 candy conversation hearts and a blindfold.
- **Instruct** kids to put on the blindfold (or close their eyes).
- **Signal** the group to begin stacking their hearts, one on top of the other.
 - After one minute, let kids take off the blindfolds and see who has the tallest tower of hearts.
- **Repeat** as time allows, adding the variations below while keeping each round at one minute.
 - Form the shape of a heart.
 - Give kids additional candy hearts to form the letters to spell "LOVE."
 - Remove the blindfold then work with a partner to stack the candy as tall as they can.
- **Collect** the hearts for use again next week.

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2. GET YOUR HEAD IN THE GAME

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Invite** kids to give their answers to the following questions then share why they chose one answer over the other.
 - Would you rather be first in line at an amusement park or first among your friends to get a cool phone?
 - Would you rather be first to give a report in front of the class or first to sing a solo in front of the church?
 - Would you rather miss the first day of school or the last day of vacation?
 - Would you rather be the first player chosen on a team or first to score a winning point in a game?
 - Would you rather be first to show kindness to someone or first to receive it?
 - Would you rather be first to jump into a cold swimming pool or last?
- **Add** other questions as needed keeping the theme of being first.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Most of the time it's pretty great being first. That is, unless it's something you don't want to do. In Large Group, we're going to hear about something Jesus did first, best, and longest. It was something He chose to do even though it wasn't easy. Let's go to Large Group to find out what it was."

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

TALK ABOUT GOD BIBLE STORY REVIEW



PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group

BIBLE STORY

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1. TAKE A SNAPSHOT

WHAT YOU NEED: Paper, pens, dictionaries (or devices with internet access or a dictionary app)

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Give** each kid a dictionary or let them use an online dictionary or app on their phones (or yours).
- **Ask** them to find a random word in the dictionary that they think most of the group would not be familiar with. They will need to keep their word a secret.
- **Distribute** paper and pens.
- **Invite** kids to write a description of the perfect friend and include the word they picked out from the dictionary in the definition.
 - When finished, take turns reading their definitions to one another.
 - Challenge the group to see if they can figure out the meaning of the chosen word based on how it's used in the description.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"It's not easy to describe a true friend—especially with a random word from the dictionary attached— but we know a friend when we meet one. Friends make us feel loved. They often put us first, and we do the same for them. The fact is love didn't start with us. We love others because God loved us first. We are able to love others because God put that ability within us. He will always love us first, best, and most. His love drove Him to sacrifice His only Son on our behalf to make the relationship between us right again. Love is part of who God is and how He interacts with the world."

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**I should treat others the way
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2. BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, index cards, pens

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Form** partners or groups of three kids.
- **Give** each group a Bible, five index cards, and pens.
- **Ask** teams to look up John 15:12-14 and read it together.
- **Invite** teams to create a playlist of at least five song titles based on John 15:12-13 and write each title on a separate card.
- **Discuss** the titles kids came up with.
 - Which song title sounds like a song you might sing in church?
 - Which title is a song that might encourage you to love others more like Jesus does?
 - How does it make you feel to know that Jesus loved us first?
 - Is it possible for us to love others the way God loves us? Why or why not?
 - Who is someone you can show love to first, even if they don't return it?
- **Challenge** kids to pick one of the song titles and take the card as a reminder to live out what they learned today.

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3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- What's something you love ALL of the time?
- When do you feel most loved?
- Think (silently) of someone you CHOOSE to love even when you don't feel like it. It's probably someone in your family or maybe a friend you tend to have drama with. What do you do to show love to that person when you don't FEEL love toward them?
 - **[Make it Personal] (Share your own answer to this question, especially if kids seem to be stuck for answers. If you can share without being gossipy or overly negative and talk about a typical situation in which it's hard to feel love toward a particular person, do so. Kids don't need to know all the details, but it's good for them to know their leaders struggle with the same things they do!)**
- If you don't really like someone, is it fake to be nice to them? What is okay or not okay about that kind of love?
- What can you do to help you show genuine love to others?

HEAR FROM GOD MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY



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4. VERSES TO TAKE WITH YOU

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, balloons, hex nuts

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Give** a balloon and hex nut to each of the kids.
- **Show** the group how to push the hex nut through the opening of the balloon until it drops into the bottom.
- **Instruct** kids to blow up their balloons but not over-inflate them, as they will easily burst.
- **Inflate** one balloon for yourself, but don't add a hex nut to it.
- **Instruct** kids to tie off the end of the balloon.
- **Demonstrate how to grip** the balloon at the knotted end and swirl it in a circular motion. The hex nut may bounce around at first, but it will soon begin to roll around the inside of the spinning balloon and make noise.
- **Set** the balloons aside.
- **Spin** the empty balloon in front of the kids pointing out that there's no sound coming from it. The obvious reason is that it's empty. There is no hex nut inside.
- **Remind** kids that in order for us to love the way God does, He needs to be living inside of us.
- **Look up and read** John 13:34-35.
- **Ask:**
 - According to John 13:35, how will people know that we are followers or disciples of Jesus?
 - Why should Jesus followers be the most loving people of all?
 - If we don't love others does, that mean we're not followers of Jesus? Why or why not?
- **Remind** your group what it means to be a follower of Jesus by explaining that God loved us first, best, and forever.
 - He wants a relationship with us, but sin keeps that from happening.
 - God gave His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins.
 - Jesus made a way for our sins to be forgiven by taking the consequences we deserve.
 - When we believe that Jesus died in our place, God forgives our sin and gives us the promise of having a relationship with Him forever.
 - He gives us the Holy Spirit inside of us to help us live for God and love others.

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- **Encourage** any questions kids may have about what it means to know Jesus. Before leading any kids to take steps toward salvation, consider what you know about their families and if parents would want to be present for those moments/conversations.

PRAY TO GOD PRAYER ACTIVITY



REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

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5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, CD cases with inserts

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Sit** in a circle.
- **Set** out the CD cases face down in the middle of the circle.
- **Invite** the kids to choose a CD case then read what is written on the front and pray silently.
- **Provide** as much time as needed for kids to pray.
- **Ask** kids to indicate they are finished praying by placing their CD cases back in middle of the circle.
- **Lead** the group in a closing prayer or invite one of the kids to do so.
- **Collect** the CD cases for use again next week.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, thank You for the love You show us every day. You care for us, listen to us, and are always with us. No one will ever love us more than You do. Help us to not be afraid to show Your kind of love to others—even if we don't receive anything in return. Help us be okay with being the first—or maybe the ONLY one in the group to think of others. In Jesus' name, amen."