

CITY LG- February 4th/5th

Bible Story: No greater love • *John 15:12-13*

Bottom Line: Love others because Jesus loves you.

Memory Verse: “Here is what love is. It is not that we loved God. It is that he loved us and sent his Son to give his life to pay for our sins.” 1 John 4:10(NIrV)

Life App: Love—choosing to treat others the way you want to be treated.

CG:Pre-Show

WORSHIP

Hi everyone! Who’s ready to worship? Today we are learning about how Jesus loves us. Our first song is “Look At Me”. Let’s Go!

Great job!! There is one way that you can show the love of Jesus to others – by giving an offering. Did you know that all of YOU sponsor kids in Kenya? That means they get to go to school, receive a uniform, they even get to eat breakfast and lunch at school too! So, if you brought any money for your offering you can bring it up now.

Our second song is “No Other Love” – Ready? Let’s worship!!

You guys were awesome. Let’s pray. “Dear God, thank you so much for sending your son Jesus – who taught everyone how to love others. Lord, please help us to see opportunities where we can show Jesus’ love to others. It’s in Your name we pray, Amen”

LARGE GROUP

Hey Parkview Kids, how are you doing today? (*Pause for response*) That was alright, but I really want to hear you. How are you doing today? (*Pause*) That’s better; give your neighbor a high five. We are going to start today off with a game. Here, we go.

CG: Game

Would you Rather? (Movie edition). There will be a list of would you rather questions relating to movies. Have the kids pick which side they would rather be on. Feel free to ask a few kids why they picked that side. Don’t feel obligated to read all the questions, only aim to fill five to seven minutes.

“Today we are starting a brand new series called Behind the Scenes. Now when you hear the words behind the scenes, what is the first thing that comes to your mind? (*Pause for Response*). That’s right, you will probably think of movies. I don’t know about you, but I love movies. You got action movies (*karate chop motion*), Comedies (funny gesture), Horror movies (*act like a monster*), and most of all LOVE stories.

“You guys like love story’s right? (*Pause and seem surprised by their response*). WHAT? You don’t like love stories? Oh, you’re probably thinking of romance movies right? (*Pause*) Well love is bigger than just romance movies. Here a definition of love for you.

CG: Love Slide

“Love is choosing to treat others the way you want to be treated.’ Say that with me. (*Repeat slide*)”

“Almost all movies talk about love in one way or another. Whether it’s Iron man, Divergence, or Toy Story, every one of those stories has a hero that is trying to protect someone or protect a group of people.”

“Maybe you love your parents, friends, or even a pet. You can’t say to your parents that you love them and then completely disobey them. That wouldn’t make any sense. You can’t be a good friend and gossip behind your friends back or steal their stuff. You **SHOW** love with what you do, not just with what you say.”

SETTING UP THE STORY

“Over the last few months we’ve been looking at stories about Jesus. Jesus at this time is going around all over a place called Galilee, preaching and teaching the people about how to follow God. He even heals people and performs many miracles. However, today’s lesson is a very important thing for Jesus’ followers, or Christians to remember. So face towards the screens and check out this week’s video.”

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WRAPPING UP THE STORY

“That was awesome. Ezra from our story gave up everything so that his friend didn’t have to worry. It’s not like his friend asked him to stay. However, Ezra made the sacrifice because he knew it was the loving thing to do. Ezra remembered what Jesus said, ‘No one has greater love than the one who gives their life for their friend. (John 15:13 NIV)’”

“You know what? That reminds me of the Memory Verse for this month.”

CG: Memory Verse

“Here is what love is. It is not that we loved God. It is that he loved us and sent his Son to give his life to pay for our sins.” 1 John 4:10(NIV). Could you repeat after me? (Repeat Slide).

“In this verse, who is the Son? *(Pause for response)* Yeah, that’s right it’s Jesus. God saw that we had all these sins, or things that we have done wrong in our lives and we couldn’t fix it. So God sent Jesus to set us free from it. Jesus lived a sinless life. He didn’t sin, not even once. He chose to give up his life and die on the cross so that when we die, we can inherit everlasting life and be with Jesus in Heaven.”

“Jesus did this because he loves us. Jesus wants all of us to be his friend. He has shown us the greatest love by giving his life for ours. Some of you are thinking, whoa, did you just say **EVERLASTING LIFE**? “So, what do I have to do to get that?” Glad you asked.

CG: ABCs of Faith Slide

“We get everlasting life when we follow the ABCs of Faith. First, we have to **ACCEPT** that we have sinned and we are sorry for not listening to God. Then we have to **BELIEVE** that Jesus is God’s son and that he died and rose again. We have to also confess that he is our **LORD** and Savior. Lastly, we have to **CHOOSE** to follow Jesus’ way and not our own way.

“That’s it, we don’t have to buy him a car or eat broccoli for a month straight. Eww, NO! All it takes is just the simple ABC’s. Jesus gave his disciples one of the most important commands to follow, Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. Meaning, we love God with everything and treat others the way we want to be treated. Yeah, we are to love others by caring for them and treating everyone with kindness.

“That doesn’t mean that you have to be friends with everyone, but it does mean we treat everyone with kindness and respect. Let’s look at our Bottom Line.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “Love others because Jesus loves you. Can you say that with me? *(Repeat Slide)*”

“So the next time you’re at home and your mom or step-mom asks you to clean your room. You should throw all your shirts around the room right? *(Pause for response)*, no, of course not, you clean up your whole room because you are telling your family you love them when you listen to what they say.

“Or when your friend asks you for one of your Oreo’s because they’re her favorite, you should keep them all for yourself and tease her because she didn’t get any, right? *(Pause for response)* No, of course not, you give her a few cookies so both of you can enjoy them.

“If you guys follow through on this, people will start to see a difference in you. They might even think that you got abducted by aliens and replaced with a clone. When really you know how to love other people because Jesus loves you. Let’s pray.

Pray

“God, thank You for loving us so much that You sent Your Son to die on the cross so we could live with You forever. Help us to share Your love with people we meet each day, whether at school, at home, at the park, or at church. We love You and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.

Dismiss children to their small groups.