

# CITY LG – January 31<sup>st</sup>- February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

**Bible Story:** Jesus Teaches Nicodemus • *John 3:1-21*

**Bottom Line:** God loves the whole world.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *"I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I have loved you."* • John 13:34 NIV

## WORSHIP

One in a Million

All of Me

### SLIDE: Theme

Hey, everyone! I'm so excited that you're here today. We're diving into a brand-new series about how much God loves us, and how we can share that love with everyone we meet. It's called 'Like and Subscribe'—because when you come across a really cool channel or video, you don't want to miss it ... and you want to let other people know all about it too!

Now, if you watch something online with your mom or dad, one way to let the creator know you like their video is with one of these.

### SLIDE: Thumbs Up Emoji

Do you all know what this is?

*Get a response from the audience.*

Yup! It's a thumbs-up emoji. (*Do a thumbs up.*) It means you like something. But emojis can express a whole lot of other things too. In fact, there are nearly 4,000 official emojis! So right now, we're going to play a game to test your emoji expertise and how well you know a few Bible stories too. It's time to play 'Scripture Symbols.'

### SLIDE: Scripture Symbols Title

Who's ready? Great. We're going to see a set of emojis that represent a Bible Story. If you think you know it, raise your hand in the air, and I'll call on you. Everyone ready? Great. Let's see our first set of Scripture Symbols!

### SLIDE: Scripture Symbols 1 (world, tree, apple)

Who thinks they know what these emojis stand for?

*Pick someone to answer. If they get it wrong, give someone else a chance. When someone gets the right answer, show the answer slide.*

### SLIDE: Scripture Symbols 2 (Creation)

Yes! You got it. These emojis represent Creation! First, God made light. Then God separated the water from the sky and the water from the land. After that, God created the sun and stars and plants and fish and birds and animals and finally, people! And then God rested. Who wants to try another one?

**SLIDE: Scripture Symbols 3** (woman, man, snake, apple)

Can anyone guess what this is?

*Listen for the kids' response.*

That's right! It's Adam and Eve!

**SLIDE: Scripture Symbols 4** (Adam and Eve)

*Continue with as many of the remaining emoji challenges as you have time for. Briefly explain each one when someone guesses the correct answer.*

The remaining emojis are:

**SLIDE: Scripture Symbols 5** (boat, rain, dove, rainbow)

**SLIDE: Scripture Symbols 6** (Noah)

**SLIDE: Scripture Symbols 7** (basket, baby, water)

**SLIDE: Scripture Symbols 8** (Baby Moses)

**SLIDE: Scripture Symbols 9** (praying hands, lion, moon)

**SLIDE: Scripture Symbols 10** (Daniel)

**SLIDE: Scripture Symbols 11** (star, camel, crown)

**SLIDE: Scripture Symbols 12** (Wise Men)

**SLIDE: Scripture Symbols 13** (loaf of bread, fish)

**SLIDE: Scripture Symbols 14** (Jesus feeding the crowd)

Great job, everyone!!! You all know your Bible stories and your emojis!

**SLIDE: Theme Background**

This month, we're starting a brand-new series about how much God loves us, and how we can share that love with everyone! Loving God and sharing the love of Jesus is the most important thing that we'll ever do. This is one of the last things that Jesus reminded His followers, right before He gave up His life for us, and then returned to life. It's this month's Memory Verse:

**SLIDE: Memory Verse**

John 13:34 says: *'I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I have loved you.'*

Today we're going to learn more about God's great love from a conversation Jesus Himself had! But before we dive into that part of the Bible, let me tell you about something amazing we're doing this year. We're going through key stories in the Bible from cover to cover!

We're going to go through God's Big Story in the Bible together so we can learn about God! (Gesture to slide.)

**SLIDE: God's Big Story**

Today, we're at the part of the Bible that tells about the time when Jesus was on earth. Jesus came to earth to show us who God is! This conversation Jesus had that we're going to read about today takes

place in a part of the Bible called the New Testament. (*Hold up Bible.*) The first four books of the New Testament tell us about the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. When we listen to what Jesus said and see how He treated others, we discover how big God loves us.

Let's check it out...

**VIDEO: Bible Story**

Nicodemus was scared and confused and didn't always get it right. But the most important thing we know about Nicodemus is this: that God loved Him deeply. God loved Nicodemus, no matter what. God loves you no matter what. In fact. Let's check out our bottom line for today...

**VIDEO: Bottom Line**

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

## **God loves the whole world**

Not only does God love you more than you can imagine, but God loves the whole world! God loves your family. Your friends. Your neighbors—both close by and the ones who live all around the world.

God loves people who are different from you. And God even loves people who do wrong things.

Every single person you will ever meet is loved by God. So as you receive God's love, ask the Holy Spirit to help you pass that love on to the people around you. God loves you, and He can help you show His love to them!

When you're following Jesus and growing closer to God, then God's love can flow through you, and more and more people will come to know God's love for them.

Let's talk to God together now. Bow your heads and close your eyes.

Dear God, thank You for loving us so much that You sent Your own Son, Jesus, to live with us and to give His life to rescue us. Thank You for the way that Jesus showed us Your love for the whole world. Please help us to remember Your love every single day, and help us to pass that love on to the people around us. We love You, and in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**SLIDE: Theme**

## **OFFERING**

Do you remember what we are raising money for this year? Yep, Clean water wells in Malawi, which is a country in Africa. Having a well with clean water right in their village means women and children don't have to travel far away to other villages to get clean water, and then they don't have to walk back with heavy containers. Let's watch a video that will show women filling their bins with clean water from a brand new well that was just installed in their village!

**Missions video 1**

Amazing right? Can't wait to see how these wells impact the villages in Malawi!