



Lesson
39

1st/4th

WE SERVE OTHERS BECAUSE WE LOVE

May 16 & 17
GOD IS LOVE



LESSON GOAL:

Background: God has set us free because of Jesus, but He wants us to use our freedom to love and serve each other, not to do whatever we want. When we follow the Holy Spirit, he helps us make good choices instead of doing wrong things. The Holy Spirit gives us the power to love, be kind, and live the way God wants us to.

Lesson Goal: For kids to understand that God wants us to use our freedom to be kind, helpful, and loving to others, not selfish.

Galatians 5:13-18

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Kids Camp - June 8-11
woodmenvalley.org/kidscamp

THEME FOR THIS SERIES:
True Word Channel



KEY VERSE:

God has breathed life into all Scripture. It is useful for teaching us what is true. It is useful for correcting our mistakes. It is useful for making our lives whole again. It is useful for training us to do what is right.

2 Timothy 3:16, NIRV

MISSION FOCUS:

KIDS CAMP

You don't have to go far away to be a missionary. God has given you a mission field right where you are! Your school, your neighborhood, your team, and your friends are all places where you can show God's love every day. Being kind, including other kids and talking about Jesus are powerful ways to make a difference.

One of the best ways to be a missionary right now is by inviting your friends to Kids Camp! It's a fun, exciting time where they can learn about God, make new friends and experience God's love. Your invitation could change someone's life forever!

PRAY: Who is God asking you to invite to Kids Camp?



5:45-6:10pm
8:45-9:10am
10:45-11:10am

CHECK-IN

The goal of check-in is to greet parents/guardians and children by name and help them feel known and welcome.

SAY:

I'm so glad to see you today, *(insert child/parent name)*!

Look up the Bible passage in your own Bible or a classroom Bible and mark it with a sticky note. Then, you can play with the classroom activities until we begin Explore time.

6:10-6:25pm
9:10-9:25am
11:10-11:25am

EXPLORE

The goal of Explore is to help kids connect relationally and think about the Bible story. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



DISCUSS: God is Love!

Help kids connect relationally by asking them about their week, then discuss the lesson topic for the day and read the Bible passage together.

SAY:

Let's take turns sharing 3 words about our week. I'll go first!
Share your 3 words then invite the next child to share.

SAY:

Today, we are learning about how **God is Love**. This story comes from the Bible in **Galatians 5:13**. Can you open your Bible to the passage with me so we can read it together?

DO:

Read the Bible passage aloud or pick a child to read it aloud.



CONNECT: Why Does It Matter?

Help kids prepare for the lesson by thinking through the Big 3 questions and how the lesson relates to them, personally.



SAY:

Let's answer THE BIG 3 questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!

1. Who is our story about today?

God and us

2. What is the problem?

In Jesus, we are given freedom from death and sin

3. What will God do?

God tells us to use our freedom to show everyone love and serve them, just as Jesus did. God gives us the Holy Spirit to help us do just that!



MAKE: God is Love Hanging Heart Craft

Help kids think about the lesson further and have fun by doing this activity!

Supplies:

big heart cut out, small hearts that spell "Love", string, tape, crayons/markers, God statement sticker



DO:

Pass out one big heart and one "LOVE" set per child. Have them color the hearts and then attach them to the big heart using sting pieces and tape. Attach one last string to the back of the big heart for hanging the craft. Last, add the God statement sticker to the craft.



SAY:

God is love! God has set us free to love others! That means choosing to be kind, helpful, and loving. As we make our heart handprint, let it remind us to use our hands to love and serve others every day.



CLEAN UP: Transition to Large Group

Ask kids to clean up the activity or save it to finish for the end of class. Then, ask kids to line up and/or transition to Large Group.



6:25-6:50pm
9:25-9:50am
11:25-11:50am

LARGE GROUP

The goal of Large Group is to help kids grow in their relationship with God by participating in Worship and hearing an engaging Bible story.



EXPECTATIONS

As kids transition to Large Group time, play the expectations video.



HOST MOMENT

After the Large Group expectations video is finished, the Host should welcome the kids in an engaging way and share the daily host content.



SAY:

Welcome! We're so glad you're here today! Let's take a few minutes to look at our Missions project for the day and our Key Verse.

MISSION FOCUS

Introduce or share an update about the current mission focus.

KEY VERSE

Introduce the key verse then have the kids watch the Key Verse video.

PRAY FOR WORSHIP & BIBLE LESSON



WORSHIP

Invite your Worship Leader to come up and play the worship song videos. Encourage kids to participate and be respectful to others.

SONG 1: Bloom

SONG 2: Less Like Me



LESSON VIDEO

Play the daily Bible lesson video.



WORSHIP RESPONSE

Lead the kids through a quiet time of responding to what God is teaching them.



PRAYER

Help create a smooth transition from Worship Response by praying over the kids.



OFFERING

Highlight the opportunity to give back to God through our offering.



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.

WORSHIP RESPONSE



REFLECT: God is Love!

Help kids reflect on the lesson by providing a quiet space for the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts as they think about how it applies to them personally.

Worship Response Station

Supplies: “Who can I love” card (1 per kid), writing utensils



SAY:

When we accept God’s love, He wants us to share that love with others. The Holy Spirit helps us make good choices and do what is right. He helps us be kind, loving, and helpful to people around us. God wants us to use our freedom to care for others, not just think about ourselves.



DO:

- Ask the kids to quietly participate in the following activity. Say:
 - **God is love! We love others because God loves us!**
 - **Let’s take some time right now to think about who we can love this week like God does. Loving someone can look like going out of your way to serve/help them, saying something kind to them, or even just praying for them.**
 - Pass out a card and writing utensil to each kid. As soft worship music plays, invite the kids to take a moment to ask God to reveal who they can focus on loving this week. After a few minutes, gather everyone back together.
 - **God loves everyone and we can love everyone too! Take this card home and put it someplace to remind yourself to love like God loves.**



PRAY

Help create a smooth transition from Worship Response by praying over the kids.



OFFERING



SAY:

God gives to us...so we give back to God! Offering is an opportunity every week to give some of our money to God as a way to say “Thank you, God!” for all He has done for us.



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.



SAY:

May you receive God’s love for you and share it with those around you this week!

6:50-7:10pm
9:50-10:10am
11:50am-12:10pm

RESPOND

The goal of Respond is for kids to think about the lesson and how it applies to them. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



APPLY: Why Does it Matter?

Help kids process what they learned in the lesson by answering the Big 3 questions you asked at the beginning of class.



SAY:

Let's answer THE BIG 3 questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!

1. Who was our story about today?

God and us

2. What was the problem?

In Jesus, we are given freedom from death and sin

3. What did God do?

God tells us to use our freedom to show everyone love and serve them, just as Jesus did. God gives us the Holy Spirit to help us do just that!

4. Why does this matter to me?

I can respond to God's love by sharing it with others

5. How can I apply this to my own life?

Example: I can be kind to everyone; I can look for ways to help others; I can pray for someone to know God's love



PRAY: Connect Relationally

Help kids understand the power of praying together.



SAY:

Does anyone have a prayer request they'd like to share? You can also share with a leader privately, if you don't want to share aloud.



DO:

Invite kids to pray for each other, then the leader closes in prayer.

As parents arrive after service

CHECK-OUT

The goal of check-out is to re-connect kids with their parent and communicate any upcoming events or announcements as families leave.



DO:

Encourage kids to finish their activities or play classroom games until their parent comes to pick them up.

As kids get picked up, mention any announcements while handing their parent the announcement card.