



Lesson
45

1st-4th

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

June 27 & 28
GOD IS LOVE



LESSON GOAL:

Background: Jesus taught that because of God's love for us, we are called to love everyone, even people who are unkind to us. Jesus shows us that real love means being kind, forgiving others, praying for others, and doing good without expecting anything in return.

Lesson Goal: For kids to understand that because God is love, we can respond to His love by sharing love with everyone, even those who feel hard to love.

Luke 6:27-36

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Home Discipleship Parenting Class
Hosted @ Downtown campus
July 13, 20, 27 - woodmenvalley.org/kids

THEME FOR THIS SERIES:
Camping



KEY VERSE:

Even the Son of Man did not come to be served. Instead, he came to serve others. He came to give his life as the price for setting many people free."

Mark 10:45, NIRV

MISSION FOCUS:

CURE INTERNATIONAL

This year at Kids Camp, we had the opportunity to raise funds for CURE International in Malawi. At CURE, kids receive life changing orthopedic surgeries while also learning about the love of Jesus.

LET'S PRAY FOR THE KIDS THAT WILL BE RECEIVING THESE SURGERIES:

Pray for their physical healing

Pray for their hearts to be open to hearing about Jesus

Pray for their families



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 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 **Luke 6:27-36**. 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 was our story about today?

Jesus, His followers, and us

2. What was the problem?

Loving your enemies is hard to do

3. What did God do?

Jesus taught us that we should love everyone, including our enemies, because God loved us so much He saved us from our sins.



MAKE: "God is Love" Kindness Notes

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

Supplies: paper envelope, 4 kindness notes, assorted stickers, God Statement sticker, markers/crayons



DO:

Give each kid 4 notes (each one is different) and an envelope to decorate. Help them think of who they can share the notes with and write the recipient's name on the line and the child's name on the bottom line. Put the God statement sticker on the front of the note like an address label. Remind kids that they will take these home to give to those people this week!



SAY:

God is love! He wants us to share His love with everyone, even those who may feel hard to love! Let's make some special notes to give to people to tell them about God's love! Try to think of someone who you wouldn't normally think to show God's love to by giving them the note. (Ideas: an elderly neighbor, a new kid at school, a brother or sister, etc.)

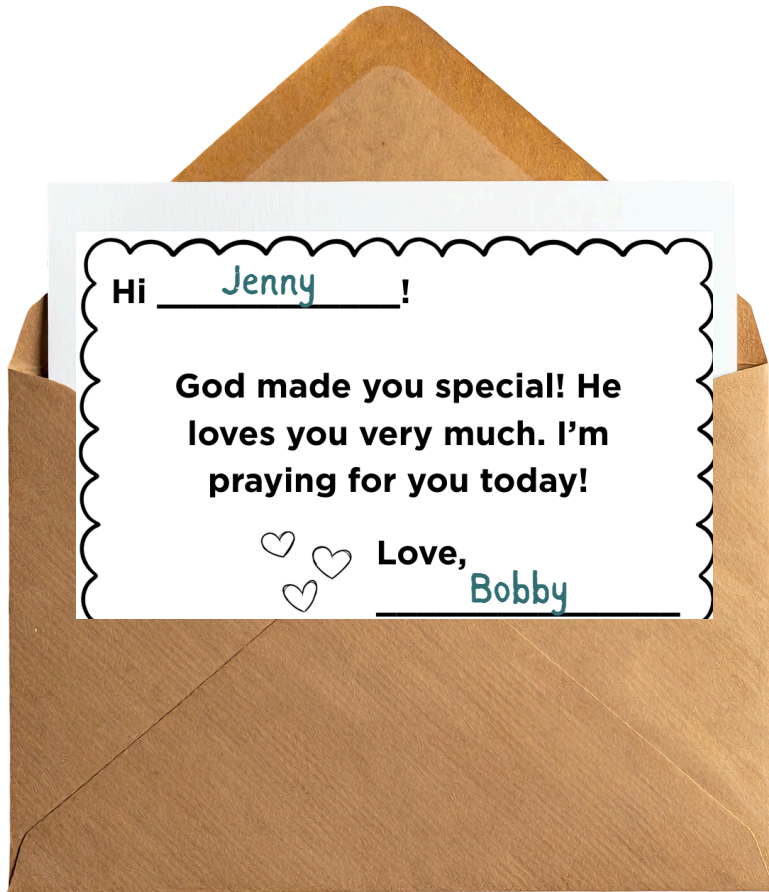


CLEAN UP: Transition to Large Group

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.



Craft Example



Hi Jenny!

God made you special! He
loves you very much. I'm
praying for you today!



Love,
Bobby



MY KINDNESS NOTES

Give a note to someone this week who you
might not normally think to show love to!



GOD IS LOVE! LUKE 6:27-28



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 listening to 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: Luke 6:27-28

SONG 2: Your Love



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: heart cut out - 1 per kid, writing utensils



SAY:

Jesus taught us that because of God's love for us, we are called to love everyone, even people who are unkind to us. Jesus shows us real love means being kind, forgiving others, praying for others, and doing good without expecting anything in return.



DO:

- Ask the kids to quietly participate in the following activity. Say:
 - **God is love! We love because God first loved us.**
 - ***It's not always easy, but God calls us to love EVERYONE. In your head, can you think of someone who is hard to love sometimes?***
 - **The good news is that Jesus helps us to love everyone. We just have to ask Him for help!**
 - Pass out a heart cutout and writing utensil to each kid. **As you look at this heart, write or draw that person who you thought of earlier. Then, in your head, ask Jesus to help you love them this week.**
 - Allow kids to do this activity individually for a few moments.
 - Close by saying: **You get to take this heart home as a reminder to pray for and look for ways to love that person this week!**
- Close the time by praying over the kids.



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.



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 remember that God is love! He wants you to love everyone, even those who are hard to love!*

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?

Jesus, His followers, and us

2. What was the problem?

Loving your enemies is hard to do

3. What did God do?

Jesus taught us that we should love everyone, including our enemies, because God loved us so much He saved us from our sins.

4. Why does this matter to me?

When I accept God's love for me, I can and should respond by sharing His love with others, even those who feel hard to love!

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

Example: I can be kind to someone who is hard to love. I can look for ways to love and help people I don't normally spend time with. I can ask Jesus for help loving others



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 parents come to pick them up.

As kids get picked up, mention any announcements and hand parents the announcement card.