



Lesson
39

2s & 3s

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



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 time is to greet parents/guardians and children by name and help them feel known and welcome by creating a welcoming environment.



WELCOME FAMILIES

As kids arrive to check-in, greet them and help them feel safe, seen and secure.

SAY:

I'm so glad to see you today, **(insert child/parent name)**! You can play with the classroom activities until we begin Explore time.

(Insert parent name), do you have a diaper bag or any other specific instructions for today? *(Respond accordingly)* Enjoy service!

DO:

Help kids feel **SAFE** (physically & emotionally), **SEEN** (known & understood) and **SOOTHED** (calmed & supported) so they can become **SECURE** in your classroom.



FREE PLAY

The goal of free play is to create space for toddlers to get adapted to the classroom so they can connect with the Ministry Partners and other kids.

DO:

As kids play with the classroom toys and games, take time to connect on their level. Initiate conversation by relating to something the child is doing, something you notice about him/her or an overview of what they can expect during class. The goal is to help them feel safe and connected.

Examples:

- That's a nice red shirt you're wearing! Is red your favorite color?
- I see you're holding a yellow lego. What are you building?
- I see that you're sad. Your grown ups went to church but they'll be back soon.
- We're going to learn about Jesus here. When we clean up our toys, we're going to do a craft.

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.



MAKE: God is Love Handprint Craft

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

Supplies: “God is Love” card, red paint or stamp pad (provided at campus)



DO:

Pass out one card per child. Help each child place their handprint in the heart using a stamp pad or paint.



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.



CONNECT: Why Does It Matter?

Help kids prepare for the lesson by discussing the Big 3 questions.



SAY:

Answer THE BIG 3 questions to help kids prepare for the lesson

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!



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 transition to Large Group by sitting quietly in the designated story area.



SAY:

Let's all work together to clean up so we can hear our Bible story for the day. We can sing a song as we clean!

Sing: “Clean up, clean up, everybody do your share. Clean up, clean up, everybody everywhere.”



Craft Example



Galatians 5:13-18

6:25-6:40pm
9:25-9:40am
11:25-11:40am

LARGE GROUP

The goal of Large Group is to help kids grow in their relationship with God through Worship, an engaging Bible story and a time of response.



EXPECTATIONS

As you begin Large Group, play the Church Today Expectations video ([Plex > Videos > EC > 2s & 3s](#))

SAY:

We're glad to be at church today.
We will listen, we will pray.
We'll sit quietly in our spot.
We'll tell Jesus we love Him a lot!

DO:

PRAY before transitioning to worship.



WORSHIP

Use the Little Kids music videos on Plex to sing some simple songs with your class. To access these videos, go to [Plex > Videos > EC > 2s/3s](#) folder.

SONG 1: The B-I-B-L-E

SONG 2: Jesus Loves Me

SONG 3: He is the Light



BIBLE STORY

Use the Hamilton puppet to help read the Bible story (see script on page 4). Use the flipbook provided.



WORSHIP RESPONSE

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.

Supplies: none

God is love! We love others because God loves us! Let's be quiet and think about someone God wants us to love today. **Invite kids to lay down and close their eyes for a few moments. After about a minute or when kids start to squirm, invite them to share who they can love this week.** God loves everyone and we can love everyone too!



BLESSING

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

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

BIBLE STORY

Hamilton's Prop: tiny broom



INTRODUCTION - HAMILTON

Use the Hamilton puppet to introduce the lesson topic and get the kids engaged.



SAY:

Hi Hamilton! **Hamilton sweeping around his house.** What are you doing? **Hamilton whispers in your ear.** You're sweeping up to help your mommy clean? **Hamilton nods.** That's so kind of you, Hamilton. You are serving your mommy! That reminds me of our Bible story today about how we can serve others to show God's love. Do you want to listen to it with us, Hamilton? **Hamilton nods.** Friends, if you're ready to hear our Bible story, can you wiggle your ears with me? **Wiggle ears together.** Let's dive in!



BIBLE STORY

Use the Hamilton puppet to help read the Bible story. Use the story cards in your curriculum folder as you read the story.



SAY:

The Bible is God's Word that He gave to us! It helps us know what is right (**have kids show thumbs up**) and wrong (**have kids show thumbs down**). What are some things the Bible tells us to do? **Let kids share - love, be kind, follow Jesus, etc.**

The Bible tells us in the book of Galatians that God says to "love your neighbor as you love yourself." This means God wants us to be kind to everyone! God wants us to help others - just like Hamilton was helping his mommy. **Hamilton waves broom.** God wants us to love others because of the love God has for us. **Can you give yourself a big hug?**

God doesn't just want us to love and serve others. God helps us love and serve others! When we believe in Jesus, God lives in our hearts! And God helps us do what is right - like being kind to a friend, helping our mommy clean, or saying "Jesus loves you" to someone new.

God is love! We can love others because God loves us! **God is love!**

6:40-6:55pm
9:40-9:55am
11:40-11:55am

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.



SAY IT OUT LOUD!

Help the students remember the God Statement for the day by repeating it aloud and doing simple motions to help them remember the phrase.



SAY:

Today our God statement is **God is Love!**

Let's say it together in a fun way to help us remember it.

Say it loudly, softly and in a fun voice. Then do the hand motions.



DO:

Use simple hand motions to help kids remember the God Statement as you say it together.



ACTIVITY- Sharing God's Love

If you have extra time at the end of your lesson and small group time, the students can participate in this activity that reinforces the daily lesson.

Supplies: Plush heart



SAY:

In today's lesson, we learned how God loves us so much and He wants us to share this love with others. Let's play a game to help us practice loving others.



DO:

Have kids sit or stand in a circle facing each other. Give one child the plush heart and have them toss the heart to someone across from them as they say "God is love." Repeat until all kids have had a chance to toss the heart to someone else. You can also encourage kids to say who they can love this week or how they can love others.

6:55-7:10pm
9:55-10:10am
11:55am-12:10pm

EAT & PLAY

The goal of this time is to provide a snack, introduce kids to structured classroom games, have free play and to encourage interaction and participation with others.



SNACK

Check your classroom roster to ensure none of your kids have allergies, then offer each child a snack and water (provided in your classroom).



GAME IDEAS

While your class can participate in free play for most of the remaining classroom time, please try to lead at least one structured activity with your class.



DO:

- Play “I Spy” focusing on color, shape, and letter recognition
- Freeze Dance
- Duck, Duck, Goose
- Hot Potato
- Charades
- Odd One Out Game
- Hokey, Pokey
- Popcorn Parachute Game
- Read a book or a story out of picture Bible
- Gather paper and crayons and practice drawing

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 Explore craft, utilize the prayer station or play classroom games until their parent comes to pick them up.

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