

Session Nineteen: Love Like Jesus



Today's Point: Jesus loves people, and I can love people

Bible Verse: John 13:35

CSB: By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35

KJV: By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. John 13:35

Today's Bible Skill:

1. Continue to memorize John 13:35.
2. Divide Books of the New Testament into divisions.

Bible Truth Activity: Love Like Jesus

Materials:

Index cards

Prepare:

Write each of the following on an index card: (make number of copies of each as needed for groups of no more than 5)

- Showing kindness
- Helping others
- Being a friend

Instructions:

As kids arrive, divide them into groups of no more than 5. Explain that drillers will have 3 minutes to create a skit showing love using their assigned areas (showing kindness, helping others, being a friend). Be prepared to share your skit with the group.

Once time is up, invite drillers to join you in large group.

SAY: Jesus teaches us that love is more than just saying nice things. It is about showing kindness, helping others, and being a friend. Love is when we care of others the way Jesus cares for us.

Invite each group to share their skit.

Discuss skits and ask what are some other ways we can love others? Allow for responses (Add ways as needed – be kind to our siblings, include someone being left out, share what you have with others, pray for people)

ASK: Why should we love others? Allow for responses

SAY: Jesus said that when we love others, we show that we are His followers. People can see Jesus through our actions when we love them.

Pray: Thank God for loving us. Help us to show that we love you by loving other people.

Bible Verse Activity: Heart Relay – John 13:35

Materials:

Red construction paper – enough for 16 (CSB)/19 (KJV) hearts. One set for each group of 5-6 kids

White poster board – one per group

Masking tape

Prepare:

Cut out a large heart from the red poster board and write John 13:35 on it.

Cut out a large (as large as possible) heart from the white posterboard – one per group.

Cut out 4” hearts - 16 (CSB)/19 (KJV) hearts. One set for each group of 5-6 kids

Write one word from John 13:35 on each heart.

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KJV: By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. John 13:35

Tape red heart with verse where it is visible for all the kids to see (from last week)

Tape white hearts on the wall – be sure they are separated.

Place hearts – in scrambled order – on floor beneath white heart.

Place rings of tape 16 (CSB)/19 (KJV) beside each heart for easy access by kids

Place a starting line piece of tape for each child (across the room from the hearts)

Instructions:

Divide kids into groups of no more than 6 kids. Line them up behind the starting line.

Explain that when they hear “love one another” the first member of the team will run to their hearts and choose the first word of John 13:35 and tape it on the white heart, run back to the team and tag the next player. Each team member takes a turn until all hearts are on the white heart. When the final heart is placed on the white heart, the player will run back to his team and lead them in reciting the verse together.

Bible Skills Activity: Pizza, Pizza (New Testament Divisions)

Materials:

12" tin pizza pan (dollar store type) – one pan per 1-2 kids
27 spring clothespins (from week 1 or make one set for each 1-2 kids)
Permanent marker

Prepare:

On bottom side of pizza pan write the New Testament
On inside of pizza pan – divide into 5 “slices” of pizza. Write one of the following: Gospels, Church History, Paul’s Letters, General Letters, Prophecy in each “slice of pizza.”
Print the name of each book of the New Testament on a separate clothespin – 1 set per group (if not available from week one)

Instructions:

Using the Divisions side of the pizza pan, instruct kids to arrange the clothespins in order, in the correct division, by clipping them to the edge of the pizza pan.

Variation:

Challenge teams to compete to see which team correctly arranges the clothespins first.

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