



WEEK ONE – MAY 2019

Bible Story: *What Is Love? • 1 Corinthians 13:4–8a*

Bottom Line: *Love others because God loves you.*

Memory Verse: *“The fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy and peace. It is being patient, kind and good. It is being faithful and gentle and having control of oneself.” Galatians 5:22–23a, NIV*

Life App: *What God is doing in you to change the world around you*

Basic Truth: *I can trust God no matter what.*

Summary: We start the month in 1 Corinthians 13:4–8a. The Apostle Paul wrote a letter to a church in the city of Corinth who was struggling with putting love into action. We’ll discover different aspects of what it looks like to love others.

Bottom Line: *Love others because God loves you. God gave us the ultimate example of love when God sent Jesus to live a perfect life and die on the cross to make it possible for us to have a forever-relationship with God. Kids will discover how God’s love for us can motivate us to show love to others.*

9:00-9:10 | 10:30-10:40 - KIDS ARRIVE

Team Welcomes Kids *(Providing Time for Fun Interactions)*

"Je-sus loves me.

2 lap pats – 2 claps

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2 lap pats – 2 claps

Jesus loves [child’s name]"
shout out the name

1. Early Arriver Idea

Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

What You Need: Dry-erase board; Dry-erase markers

What You Do:

- Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up.
- Invite kids to take turns drawing their favorite fruit for the other kids to guess.

What You Say:

“That was fun! [Transition] In Large Group, we’ll learn about a VERY special kind of fruit. This fruit is one that you can’t eat. Let’s go learn more.”

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

9:10-9:35 | 10:40-11:05 - LARGE GROUP

*Bible Story – INTRO, Story, OUTRO Videos (whatever works best for your few)
Worship SONGS*

9:35-10:05 | 11:05-11:35 - SMALL GROUP

GROUPS

(Creating a Safe Place to Connect)

2. Cause and Effect

[Application Activity]

Explore: an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery

What You Need: Dominoes

What You Do:

- Pass out one domino to each child. Make sure you keep one for yourself.
 - Instruct the kids to line up the dominoes in a serpentine formation about an inch apart.
 - Place your domino at the front of the line and then push it over so that it knocks the rest of them over as well.
- Talk about the cause and effect relationship of the option you’ve chosen.
 - Talk about how tapping the first domino caused all the other dominoes to fall too.

What You Say:

“That was a super fun cause-and-effect activity. Let’s think about another kind of cause and effect. Can you give me some examples of times when it’s hard to love others? (Pause.) Today we’re learning that you can [Bottom Line] love others because God loves you. What is the cause for why we love others? (Because God loves us.) Because God loves us, what should the effect be? (That we show love to others.) What is the effect when we love others? (Pause for responses.)

“We don’t love because others deserve it. We don’t love because we feel like it or because it’s convenient. We love others because God has shown love to us. The cause is that God loves us first. He showed us how.

*And because He loves us, the effect is that we love others. This week, let's remember to **[Bottom Line] love others because God loves you.**"*

3. Pray and Dismiss

[Prayer Activity]

Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Gather the kids to sit together in a circle.
- Lead them in a "call and response" prayer.
- The "calls" below correlate to 1 Corinthians 13:4–8a.
- After you say the call from scripture, kids will complete it with "love others because you love me."

What You Say:

*"You can **[Bottom Line] love others because God loves you.** Let's pray and ask God to help us love others the way He loves us. I will say a phrase naming a time when it's hard to love. I want you to complete it by saying, 'love others because You love me.' Let's pray.*

"Dear God,

"When I'm impatient, help me to . . . love others because You love me.

"When others are being unkind, help me to . . . love others because You love me.

"When I want what someone else has, help me to . . . love others because You love me.

"When I want my own way, help me to . . . love others because You love me.

"When I'd rather stay mad, help me to . . . love others because You love me.

"Thank You for loving me and showing me how to love others. In Jesus' name, amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to share the first fruit of the Spirit you talked about today and tell WHY we should love others. Also, don't forget to hand out this month's content overview to each parent!