

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Praise God for being the kind of God who is with us no matter what. Thank Him that literally nothing can separate us from Him. Pray that kids would begin to understand the magnitude of God's love for them, and pray that this knowledge would transform their hearts so they can live with confidence that comes from Him!

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Inseparable

Nothing Can Separate
Us from God
Romans 8:38-39

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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Philippians 1:6, NIV

MONTHLY LIFE APP

Confidence—Learning to see
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EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, hand sanitizer, small paper heart

WHAT YOU DO:

- Greet kids by name as they arrive.
- Invite any kid who brought an offering to put it in the offering container.
- Direct each kid to use one pump of hand sanitizer.
- Hide the paper heart somewhere around your small group area.
- Play a game of "Hot and Cold" as kids arrive.
- Choose one kid to look for the heart.
- When that kid gets closer to the heart, tell them they are "hot." When they move farther away, tell them they are "cold."
- After the kid finds the heart, choose another kid to look for it.
- Direct the next kid to close their eyes while the previous kid hides the heart somewhere within sight of the rest of the group.
- Instruct the entire group to tell the second kid when they are "cold" or "hot."
- Play as long as time allows, choosing new kids to find the heart each round.

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



STICKY LOVE

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Sticky or Not Sticky" Activity Page, heart stickers, index cards, pens, chairs

WHAT YOU DO:

- Line up chairs, one for each kid, on one end of the room.
- Instruct each kid to stand by a chair.
- Give each kid an index card and a pen.
- Ask kids to write their names on the index card in block letters.
- Instruct the kids to leave their cards on their chairs and stand in the middle of the room facing their chairs.
- Place a sheet of ten heart stickers on each chair.
- Designate the area with the chairs to be the "Sticky" zone and an area on the opposite side of the room/small group space to be the "Not Sticky" zone.
- Tell the kids that you will share some true and false statements.
- If they think the statement is true, they should run to the "Sticky zone" and attach a sticker to their card.
- If they think the statement is false, instruct the kids to run to the "Not sticky" zone.
- Direct the kids to return to the center of the room after each statement is read.

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NOTE: Today's Bible story provides a good lead-in to a salvation conversation. Don't miss the opportunity to explore the acceptance of God's gift of salvation with any kids who might have more questions. Keep your church's process for salvation conversations in mind and also be sensitive to the kids whose parents would want to be part of that conversation.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"What are some examples of how God loves us? (Pause for responses.) These are really good examples! God's love is stickier than your stickers! There is nothing you can do to change that!

"God loves you so much that when sin separated us from God, He gave His only Son to bridge that gap. He created a way for you to never be separated from Him again! When you believe in Jesus, you can have a relationship with God that will last forever. I don't know about you, but that's something to be excited about! Keep your card in your Bibles or hang it on your bathroom mirror to remind you that **God loves you no matter what** and nothing can separate you from His love."

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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment



WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE?

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "What's Happening Scenarios" Activity Pages, instrumental music, device to play music

WHAT YOU DO:

- Set the "What's Happening Scenarios" Activity Pages out around your small group area.
- Send two or three kids to each picture.
- Play instrumental music quietly as the kids look at their pictures.
- Give the kids a few minutes to discuss with their group what they think is happening in each picture.
- After a few minutes of discussion, stop the music.
- Gather everyone closer together, still staying with their group.
- Let each group share their picture and their interpretation of what's happening with the rest of the group.
- Collect all the pictures to hold up as the kids repeat the Bottom Line in the dialogue below.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"There's a lot going on in these pictures! Maybe you've been a part of a scene like this before. Maybe you've been the kid who was left out. Maybe you spilled something or broke something. Maybe you had to move or had to perform in front of an audience.

"Whether you've felt alone, scared, hurt, or guilty, I have some REALLY good news for you. **God loves you no matter what.** Because of Jesus and what He has done, nothing can separate you from God's love! He loves you no matter what you do, no matter how you feel, no matter what!"

(Hold up the picture of the kid spilling the drink.)

SMALL GROUP LEADER: "When you mess up . . ."

KIDS: "**God loves you no matter what.**"

(Hold up the picture of the kid who's left out.)

SGL: "When you feel alone . . ."

KIDS: "**God loves you no matter what.**"

(Hold up the picture of the kid who's hurt.)

SGL: "When you're hurt . . ."

KIDS: "**God loves you no matter what.**"

(Hold up the picture of the kid with the moving truck.)

SGL: "When you're sad or unsure . . ."

KIDS: "**God loves you no matter what.**"

(Hold up the picture of the kid at the piano.)

SGL: "When you're nervous or scared . . ."

KIDS: "**God loves you no matter what.**"

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



MEMORY VERSE CIRCLE

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Circle Cards" Activity Page, index cards, upbeat music, device to play music

WHAT YOU DO:

- Put all of the "Circle Cards" facedown into a large circle on the floor.
- Ask the kids to get into teams of three.
- Once kids have established who is on their team, ask the team to split up.
- Instruct all the teams to stand around the circle of cards, mixing the teams while keeping a safe distance from each other.
- When you start the music, instruct kids to dance around the circle.
- Stop the music and ask the kids to pick up the card closest to them.
- Ask the kids to huddle-up with their teammates and compare the cards they collected.
- Instruct the kids to keep the cards they need to form the verse and discard any duplicate cards by placing them face down in the card circle.
- Add blank index cards to the circle as needed so there are always enough cards for each kid to pick one up.
- Continue playing until one of the teams successfully completes the verse.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"You guys have some pretty sweet dance moves! I think you learned the verse pretty well, too. God has made many promises to us in the Bible. For instance, He says that if we pray to Him, He will hear us. He also said that He will complete the good work He has begun in us.

"Sometimes these promises happen right away—like God answers a prayer the way you hoped He would. But sometimes His promises take longer—like completing His work in us. This verse tells us that we need to live confidently knowing that God is faithful and will keep working in us for our entire life. He is always with you and will never leave you. **God loves you no matter what.**"

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an activity that creates space
for personal processing
and application



PRAY AND DISMISS [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Index cards from "Sticky Love" activity,
pens

WHAT YOU DO:

- Instruct the kids to bring their index cards from the "Sticky Love" Activity and gather around. (If you didn't do the "Sticky Love" activity, give each kid a blank index card.)
- Ask the kids to take a few minutes to write a note to God thanking Him that they can't be separated from His love.
- Instruct the kids to place their index cards in their Bibles to remind them of God's never-ending love!
- Close in prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Jesus, thank You for loving each of us so much that You came and rescued us. We are thankful that absolutely nothing can separate us from Your love. Thank You that you love, us no matter what. Help us grow in our relationship with You every day. Help us see ourselves the way You see us so we can have the confidence to live our lives the way You want us to. We love You, and we pray these things in Your name. Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, let kids show them their hearts from the "Here to Stay" activity. Encourage them to share what they did with their hearts and how it is a reminder that they can never be separated from God's love.

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