



WEEK  
**FOUR**  
AUGUST 2022

SMALL GROUP  
**K-3**

**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, pray for each regular attendee by name. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Thank God for having a plan to make things right and love the world. Praise God that because of Jesus, we don't have to pay the consequences of sin and can have a right relationship with God, now and forever. Pray over your conversations with kids who may have questions about faith and starting a relationship with God.*

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**I Choose You**  
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Genesis 12:1-9; 15:1-6

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

**God has a plan to show love to the world.**

### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

**"Here is what love is. It is not that we loved God. It is that he loved us and sent his Son to give his life to pay for our sins."**  
1 John 4:10, NIV

### MONTHLY VIRTUE

**Love—Showing others how much they matter to you**

### BASIC TRUTH

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### EARLY ARRIVER

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Offering container

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Welcome kids by name as they arrive.
- Invite kids who brought an offering to put it in the offering container.
- As kids arrive, play a memory game.
- Instruct the first kid to say, "I'm going on a long trip and I'm bringing . . ." then name an item.
- Instruct the next kid to say, "I'm going on a long trip and I'm bringing [first kid's item]" then add their item.
- Continue that way, with kids remembering the things packed by the group.
- For older kids, add the challenge of each item starting with the next letter of the alphabet, of their own name, or the last letter of what the previous kids said, etc.
- Play as long as time allows.





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### MADE TO IMAGINE

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



### \* HEART-SHAPED SCAVENGER HUNT [TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Bible Story Pictures" Activity Pages, envelopes, a marker, heart outline on the floor

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Fold the "Bible Story Pictures" in a tri-fold and place one in each envelope, writing the number of the picture on the outside of its envelope.
- Lay out the envelopes in numerical order, spread out evenly on top of the heart outline.
- Walk around the heart outline, calling on kids, one at a time, to open an envelope and reveal the picture inside.
- Discuss what you see in each picture using the descriptions below.
- Then, lay the pictures out flat on the floor in its original spot.
- Continue in the same way around the heart as you open the rest of the pictures and talk about that scene from the story.
- After you've discussed all of the pictures, ask kids if they can identify the shape they see.
- Then talk about how God had a BIG plan to show love to the whole world.
- You can keep this heart outline on the floor for the "Find the Heart Verse" Activity.
  - Picture #1: Cain and Abel—The first two brothers, Cain and Abel, fought. They did not get along at all. Their family grew and people filled the earth. But almost no one followed God.
  - Picture #2: Noah—Though most people turned away from God, Noah faithfully followed God.
  - Picture #3: Abram and Sarai—God chose a man named Abram and his wife Sarai. God made a promise to give Abram a BIG family, and through that family the whole world would learn of God's love for them.
  - Picture #4: Big question mark—When God made this promise, Abram and Sarai had no children, and they were very old. They had BIG questions, but they chose to follow God.
  - Picture #5: Abram and Sarai traveling—Abram and Sarai packed up everything to move to a new land when they had NO idea what was coming. They trusted and obeyed God.
  - Picture #6: Abram built an altar—When they arrived, Abram built an altar to honor God. Abram and Sarai made their home in this new land.
  - Picture #7: Sky full of stars—God appeared to Abram in a vision and told him to count the stars. That's how many children he would have! And Abram BELIEVED God.
  - Picture #8: **God has a plan to show love to the world.** Though it took years and years for God to grow Abram's family, God kept that promise! It was the first step in a BIG plan to show love to Abram, his family, and the entire world! Repeat the Bottom Line together.

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## (\*HEART-SHAPED SCAVENGER HUNT, CONTINUED)

### WHAT YOU SAY:

“What shape do you see? (Pause.) Yes, a heart! Through Abram, God had a BIG plan to show love to the WHOLE world. That plan started with a promise that God made to Abram. Even though he didn’t know exactly how it would all happen, Abram chose to trust God. He left his home with his wife, Sarai, and traveled to a new land. Though Abram and Sarai were old and didn’t have children yet, they BELIEVED God’s promise to give them a big, big family. They chose to trust God’s big plan and followed God even when they didn’t know exactly where they were going or how it would all work out.

“And guess what? That plan DID come true! Because one day, many, many years later, God sent Jesus to the world! Jesus came to show us, once and for all, that God loves us and wants to have a relationship with us forever. And God is still working on that plan. God wants everyone—including you and me—to know that love. There is no one who can love you the way God loves you because God loves perfectly! **God has a plan to show love to the world.**”

**[Make it Personal] (Tell kids about something that’s happened in your life that confirms God’s BIG love for you and has proven to you that God had a plan, even when you couldn’t see it. Maybe it was getting a new job or opportunity that allowed you to share God’s love with a new set of coworkers or friends. Maybe it was a big move that you weren’t too excited about that led to new opportunities to experience God’s love for you.)**





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### MADE TO MOVE

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



### FIND THE HEART VERSE

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bible marked at 1 John 4:10, floor tape

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Invite a volunteer to open the Bible to 1 John 4:10.
- Review the verse together.
- Tape four large hearts around your Small Group area. (Or if the heart from the earlier activity is big enough, you can create a couple of smaller hearts, just to make the game more fun.)
- Invite the kids to walk around your Small Group area as you all repeat the verse together, BUT every time they hear "love" or "loved," they must go stand in a heart.
- Pause each time you get to "love" or "loved" to make sure everyone makes it into a heart.
- As soon as you move to the next word, kids can continue walking around the space.
- Repeat in the same way for two more rounds.
- On the fourth round, the rules are the same EXCEPT you'll choose a heart, and kids all have to squeeze into the same one.

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"That was so fun! It's been a great month of learning about God's EPIC love for us. It's a love SO big, we can't even understand it. And God proved that great big EPIC love by sending Jesus. I'm so glad to know that because of what Jesus has done we can be sure that **God has a plan to show love to the world.**"

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### MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



### PRAY AND DISMISS [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather the kids for prayer, in a tight circle if possible.
- Ask the kids to think of something they're currently

worried about.

- Use the dialogue below to talk about how God is in control and has a plan.
- Then give the kids a few minutes to pray silently on their own about what worries them.
- Close the group in prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Today, we learned that **God has a plan to show love to the world.** I am so glad to know that God loves us, has a plan, and is in control! We can put our trust in God. So when we're scared, we can always talk to God. Let's talk to God, right now. As you pray silently, tell God what you're worried about. After you've had a minute to pray on your own, I'll close in prayer. Let's bow our heads and close our eyes so we can focus on talking to God on our own.

"God, we love You. Thanks for hearing us when we pray. Thank You for knowing exactly what we're worried about, right now, and for the truth that You are in control of all things. Will You please help us talk to you when we're scared or worried about something? Will you help us trust You? Thanks for loving us SO much God. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, invite the kids to point out the heart outline(s) on the floor from previous activities and tell the adults about Abram and Sarai and how **God has a plan to show love to the world.**

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