



A love story
for the ages

WEEK
FOUR
AUGUST 2022

SMALL GROUP
PRETEEN

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- When have you made a plan?
- How does it make you feel when you make a plan that doesn't end up the way you had hoped?
- Since we typically do not hear God's audible voice, how can we know what God's plan is for us?
- Can God still use us to show love to the world, even if we have fallen off the path a bit?

Note: If you're short on time, combine these questions with the Verses to Take With You activity below.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

I Choose You

God Chooses Abram
Genesis 12:1-9; 15:1-6

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

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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

I can trust God no matter what.



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MADE TO CREATE

an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving



VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Doodle Verse" Activity Page, markers or colored pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Tell kids that John's purpose in writing 1 John was to explain the love of God through the death of Jesus as the way for us to have a relationship with God now and forever.
- Ask if anyone has spent time memorizing 1 John 4:10 this month. If so, give them a chance to say it for the group.
- Hand out "Doodle Verse" Activity Pages to the group and set out an assortment of markers or colored pencils.
- Give kids time to color and decorate their pages. (Make space for conversation among your group as they color. This is a good time to ask the discussion questions from the activity above if you haven't already done so.)
- Encourage kids to take this sheet home and post it where they will see it. It can be a reminder of God's love for them and a way to continue remembering this verse.

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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Small chalkboards, dry erase boards or pieces of paper, chalk, dry erase marker or pen

WHAT YOU DO:

- Set up prayer stations in the group space by placing signs around the room or the area that specify different kinds of things to pray about.
 - You can either use mini chalkboards or white boards to write down these categories to set in each station.
 - Or you can simply write them on pieces of paper.
- The four stations are:
 - Pray about why you love God.
 - Pray for a specific person who you need to show love to.
 - Ask for forgiveness for some way that you've messed up.
 - Talk to God about a situation where you need help trusting God.
- Tell the kids you'll be spending some time in silent prayer OR they can pray journal if they want by writing things down on paper.
- Explain that we all need a little guidance sometimes when it comes to praying. The different signs will prompt them on thinking of things to pray about.
- Place kids in groups of two or three (depending on how many are in the group) and rotate them through each station every couple of minutes so each kid has a chance to visit each station.
- Wrap up your time by praying for the entire group.

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