



August 18

I am Designed for a Purpose Kindergarten - 5th grade

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: Love One Another- 1 Corinthians 13

Bottom Line: I can love others.

Leader Context: First Corinthians 13 teaches us what love does- and doesn't look like. When we trust Jesus and follow Him, we can love others like He did. So Let's Go teach kids about loving one another.

THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS: Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus, and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

Games and Music (10 minutes)

What You Need: Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instruction Page, Butcher paper (1 per group), Markers or crayons (several), Masking or painter's tape (1 per group; optional)

What You Do:

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

Say: That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today."

Social

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This

God wants us to love others, even when it isn't easy. In 1 Corinthians 13, Paul doesn't just remind people to love others, he tells them how to do it. Loving others means we are patient and kind. It means we aren't boastful (which means bragging), proud, or jealous. We aren't rude and don't always try and get our own way. And it means we love and celebrate the truth!

That's a lot, but our Bible story taught us that loving others is an incredible gift that points others to God.

Paul wrote to the people in Corinth to teach them about the importance of loving others and helping them. Paul explained that God changes people who trust in Jesus. He gives them a new identity and the Holy Spirit to help them become more like Jesus. When we love and trust in Jesus, we are called to be part of something bigger than ourselves: a community of people who show generous love, joy, patience, and peace to others so that we can point them to Jesus. Loving others shows our new identity in God. Love is not always natural, and sometimes it is hard to love! Is it hard to love your siblings when they take your stuff? *(Yes!)* Is it hard to love someone who is mean to you? *(Yes!)* It's easy to love people who are nice, but when it is hard, God will help us!

Let's take a few minutes to pray together before we get into our activity for the day:

God, thank You for loving us so much that You sent Jesus to rescue us from sin! May we love You like You love us. And help us love those around us, even when it's not easy. Thank You for loving us first! Amen.

Videos

Show Love Spinner (20 minutes)

What You Need: “Show Love Spinner” printable on cardstock paper (1 per child), Markers or crayons (several), Child-safe scissors (1 per child), Brass fasteners (1 per child), Glue sticks (1 per child), Paper plates (1 per child)

What You Do:

We’ve learned some great ways we can show love to others. We’re going to make paper plate spinners that will help us show love wherever we go. Color and decorate each of the pieces on your spinner. You can draw a picture of yourself doing those things or just draw something that will help you remember what they say.

After you color them, cut out the circle and the arrow. But don’t cut the pieces of the circle apart. Once you finish that, glue your circle on your paper plate. Then, turn your paper plate over and write *I can love others* and *1 Corinthians 13* on the other side. I will come around and help you attach your arrow to your plate with a brass fastener.

When you’re finished, you can spin your arrow to help you remember how you can show love to others!

Keep It Going: Call out different scenarios and invite kids to spin their spinners and say how they can show love in that way.

Leader Tip: Assist kids with ideas of how to show love in the ways listed on their spinners.

Loud And Clear: Just as we learned in our Bible story today, we can love others and show others what God’s perfect love is like. We can remember that God loves us and designed us for a purpose. He will help us love others like this too, even when it is hard! We all get to love others right where we are!

Discussion Questions:

- Who are the easiest people for you to be loving, patient, and kind toward? Why do you think that is? (*Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.*) How do you respond when people are kind toward you? What about when they aren’t kind? (*Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.*)
- What’s the purpose of a passport? (*Allow kids to answer.*) Yes, we use a passport when we travel to identify who we are and where we are from! When we love people, it allows us to identify that we belong to and follow God! What are some ways we can show others the love of God? (*Answers may include tell them the truth about who God is, be kind when they aren’t kind to us, pray for them, help them, and so forth.*)
- The Bible tells us we are designed for a purpose, and we can love others. Let’s open our Bibles to 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 and read about it together. (*Invite kids to open up their Bibles. Read the passage aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.*) What do you think that passage is teaching us? (*Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.*)
- Is it always easy to love others? (*No!*) No, not always. It’s easy to love people who are nice to us or that we get along with, but it can be difficult to love those who aren’t very nice or are very different from us. But we are called to love everyone! When we love others like how the Bible tells us to love them, our love can make them want to know more about God. Which one of the descriptions of love in 1 Corinthians 13 is the easiest for you? Which ones are the most difficult? (*Answers may include patient, kind, not envious, not boastful, not arrogant, not rude, not self-seeking, not irritable, not keeping record of wrongs, rejoices in truth, and so forth.*)
- God designed us for a purpose, and part of that purpose is to love people in a way that points others to Him. When we struggle to love others, we can remember how much God loves us. He loved us so much; He sent His Son, Jesus, to take the punishment for our sins. When we trust and follow Jesus, He changes us into people who can show His love to others. Do you have any questions about following Jesus? Or do you have any stories you want to share about someone showing the love of God? (*Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.*)
- How can the descriptions of love in 1 Corinthians 13 help us when we wonder how to *really* love those around us? (*Answers may include not getting angry, having a good attitude, not being rude, being gracious and kind, and so forth.*)

Bible Story Recap- Say This

God loved us so much; He sent His Son, Jesus, so we could have a relationship with Him. God showed us great love, so we can love others too. God designed us for a purpose, and we can love others through how we talk and treat others.

Going Home

Pass out the coloring pages for kids to take home. Greet families as they arrive and tell them something about their child you saw today. Say goodbye and call everyone by name.