



I Am Loved

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Kindergarten - 5th grade

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: The Story of the Good Samaritan- Luke 10:25-37

Bottom Line: God's love is for everyone.

Leader Context: God loves everyone. The story of the Good Samaritan shows us that God's love holds no biases, and we can show love the same way. We can see others the same way God does- as worth of love, help and kindness.

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.

Social

Games and Music (10 minutes)

What You Need: Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instruction Page, Greeting's Humans Game on Roku

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."

Videos

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This

When God sees people, He believes everyone should be loved. We can sometimes struggle with loving all people, right! It can be hard to love people we don't get along with. But none of us are perfect either. Yet, no matter what, God will always love us. In our Bible story, the people who passed by the injured man probably thought they had their reasons for not helping. But none of their reasons were very good reasons. God wants us to love like He loves. God will help us love like Him if we allow Him to guide and lead us.

Let's pray together. Remember prayer is listening and talking to God.

God, it is so amazing that You created everyone different, yet You love everyone the same. I pray that You would help each of us trust You and know Your incredible love. And help us to love others the same way You love us. In Your name, Jesus, we pray. Amen!

Weightless Relay (20 minutes)**What You Need:** cotton balls (40 per group), paper plates, plastic spoons (1 per kid)**What You Do:**

Place two plates on one side of the room and two plates on the other side. Put half the cotton balls on one plate and half on the other, both on the same side of the room.

Hey, everyone! Today we are going to race to see which team can get its cotton balls from one plate to the next fastest. There are a few things that will make this challenging. First, you can only use the spoon to get the cotton balls- no hands allowed! Second, you're going to have your eyes closed.

Remember- cotton balls are weightless, so it's going to be a challenge to feel it on your spoon.

I'm going to put you in two teams. Sit down, shoulder to shoulder with your teammates- all facing the same direction. I'm going to give each of you a spoon. The plates will be on either side of your line. When I say "Go," the first player on each team will scoop up a cotton ball from the plate, and pass it to the next person in line, then that person will pass it down until the last person places it on the plate. Everyone got it? If you're ready say, "No limit! 3-2-1 Blast off."

Leader Tip: This game is supposed to be super difficult! Encourage kids to laugh when they realize that they weren't able to move even one cotton ball (if that's what ends up happening.)

Say: "OK, that was almost impossible. Let's play another round but with your eyes open and see how you do. Ready? Blast off!"

That was so fun, seeing you all try to work together and helping each other out. In this game, everyone had a part to contribute, and everyone had to work hard to get the cotton ball down the line. But even when you tried your hardest, it didn't always work out because we're limited in what we can do. God's love is so big and has no limits. It's enough for you, and it's enough for me too! Just like the cotton ball passed down the line in our game, we get to pass the love of God on to others then they pass it on to others, and so on. There's no limit to God's love; there's enough for everyone.

Discussion Questions:

- What are some things you have in common with your friends? What are some things that are different? If everyone in the world was just like you, what would the world be like?*(Allow kids time to answer and share your own answer.)*
- Just like how everyone has different handprints, God made every person different and unique. Yet he loves absolutely everybody! God loves everyone, and He wants everyone to have a friendship with Him. How can knowing that God loves everybody help when you meet someone who is different or who you don't get along with?*(Allow kids time to answer and share your own answer.)*
- The Bible tells us that we are loved, and that God's love is for everyone. Let's open our Bibles to Luke 10:36-37 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. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.)* What is this passage teaching us?
- Jesus told the story of the good Samaritan to show us how we can love people around us. Our neighbor isn't just the person who lives next door- everyone is our neighbor! And we should love them like Jesus has loved you and me. What are some ways that you can show love and kindness to others who are different than you?*(Be kind, find ways to be friends, find things we have in common, learn more about what makes them different, and so forth.)*
- God created and loves each person, including each of us! Even though we are all different, we have one thing in common. We have decided to go our own way instead of following God's way. Because of our sin, we were separated from God and need a Savior! But God loved the world so much He sent His Son, Jesus, to be that Savior! Like the good Samaritan, Jesus came to help our greatest need- to be forgiven of our sins and to have a relationship with God forever. We believe in Jesus and He does this for us. When we believe in Jesus, we can know that God will always save us and always love us. Do you have any questions about believing in Jesus? Is there anything you want to share about how God's love has made a difference in your life? *(Allow kids time to answer and share your own response.)*
- How could you help others who only want to love and be kind to people who are the same as them? *(Allow kids time to answer and share your own answer.)*

Jesus is the perfect example of how to love and who to love- everyone! God created and loves each person. That includes the friend who said a mean thing yesterday. That includes the person who jumped in front of you in the lunch line. That includes everyone!

Because of God's love for us, we can love others compassionately like the good Samaritan! There is no limit with God and His love! I am loved, you are loved, everyone is loved!

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.