

City LG - March 30-31, 2019

Bible Story: Basic Instructions (The Greatest Commandment) • *Matthew 22:34-40*

Bottom Line: God made me to love others.

Memory Verse: "How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well." Psalm 139:14, Nlrv

NOTE: You will lead a game at the end of Offering as detailed at the end of this Script

CG: Countdown Video

WORSHIP: "I Am Yours" and "Dance"

NOTE: Take some time to teach a few of the dance moves to your group.

(Worship Leader Prays)

WELCOME:

Supplies Needed: "Love God" and "Love Others" Posters (1 set per Campus)

"Hey, everyone! I've got a question for you. Has anyone ever tried to play a trick on you? Maybe they played a funny joke on you, or they got you to do something silly before you realized it.

"Well, did you know that when Jesus lived on the earth, there were people who were trying to trick HIM? That's right! Many of the religious leaders didn't like Jesus because they didn't believe that He was really the Son of God. They wanted to trick Him and get Him to say something that would get Him in trouble. But since Jesus actually IS God's Son, He always knew what they were trying to do."

"Let me tell you about one time when a religious leader tried to trick Jesus with a question.

Open the Bible to Matthew 22:36 (Nlrv) and read.

"Teacher," he asked, "which is the most important commandment in the Law?"

"You see, there were hundreds and hundreds of commandments—or rules—that God had given His people. These rules were important. God had given them for a reason. So the religious leader thought he had tricked Jesus for sure. How could Jesus pick just ONE rule?

"Well, listen to what Jesus said back to him.

Open the Bible to Matthew 22:37-40 (Nlrv) and read.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love him with all your mind.' This is the first and most important commandment. And the second is like it. 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.' Everything that is written in the Law and the Prophets is based on these two commandments."

"Jesus was saying that ALL of God's important rules could be summed up in just two commandments.

“Love God.

Hold up the first poster board to reveal “Love God.”

“And love others.”

Hold up the second poster board to reveal “Love others.”

“Jesus made it so simple! What were we made to do? (*Point to the poster boards.*) We were made to love God and to love others. That’s what our story is all about today! Let’s take a look!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 7:30)

“Remember what Jesus said when the leader asked Him what was most important. Jesus said we we’re supposed to love God and love others. (*Point to the poster boards.*)

“Jesus said that everything else can be summed up in those two commands. We can SHOW we love God by the way we love others. Say this with me.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

KIDS: [Bottom Line] “God made me to love others.”

“As you continue to grow up and discover who God made you to be, you can find more and more ways that He made you to love others. Let’s pray and ask God to help us do that.”

Pray: “God, thank You for making each one of us and giving us our own individuality. You made us all different, but You’ve given all of us the same job: to love You and to love others. Please help us see all the ways You’ve made us unique and special. Help us to use those gifts You’ve given us to love other people. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

“What did God make YOU to do? Jesus already gave us the answer. We are supposed to love God and love others. (*Point to the poster boards from the Bible story.*) We can actually show God how much we love Him by showing love to others. Do you remember our Memory Verse for this month, Psalm 139:14? Can you say it with me?

CG: Memory Verse Slide

KIDS: *“How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well, Psalm 139:14” (NirV).*

“That’s right! God made you an individual. You’ve got your very own skills and talents—your own personality—all the things that make you YOU. God made you that way for a reason! You can use your individuality to love others in your own unique way.

“Use your eyes and look for ways to serve others. Use your ears to be a good listener when someone needs to talk. Use your mouth to give encouragement and wisdom. Use everything God has given you to show His love to the people around you.

“In a moment, we’ll head to Small Group and talk about all the ways God made you to love others. But first, let’s worship God with our offering!”

Offering Time:

“Offering time is a chance for us to bring our money to God, so he can use it to make somebody else’s life better. For us, here in the City, we give our offering to an organization called ‘Missions of Hope’ to help kids in Kenya have food, clothes, and learn about God’s love for them.”

Here at (your Campus name), we bring our offering to help support:

Homer Glen: Victor

New Lenox: Daniel

Orland Park: Michael and Valerie

CG: Picture of Child

“(Your Campus Child) lives in Nairobi, Kenya and goes to school at Mission of Hope International. Here’s a picture of Mission of Hope International!”

CG: Mission of Hope International JPEG

If you brought your offering today, you can bring it up now and place it here in our offering container while our Offering Video plays! (*show offering container*).”

CG: Offering Video “Live Loud” (Runtime: 2:10)

Dismiss to Small Groups and begin game detailed below once Groups are in place

GAME: Hot Heart

What You Need: Heart stress ball (1 per group)

What You Do:

- Play a game similar to “Hot Potato” with the heart stress ball.
- Guide kids to sit in a tight circle, and Small Group Leaders hand the heart to one kid.
- Large Group Leader will start the music, and instruct kids to pass the heart around the circle.
- When the music stops, the kid with the heart holds it up and says the name of someone he loves when the Large Group Leader calls on them.
- Continue playing a few rounds or as long as interest holds.

Note: Unlike the game of “Hot Potato,” kids are not “out” when they get caught with the heart when the music stops. They simply say the name of someone they love and play continues.