

City LG - June 1-2, 2019

Bible Story: What Is Love? (Love Is . . .) • 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

Bottom Line: Love others because God loves you.

Memory Verse: *The fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy and peace. It is being patient, kind and good. It is being faithful and gentle and having control of oneself.* Galatians 5:22-23a, NIV

NOTE: Kindergartners will be previewing this weekend

CG: 2-Minute Countdown

WORSHIP: “At the Top of My Lungs” and “Turn it Up”

NOTE: Take some time to teach a few of the dance moves to the children

(Worship Leader prays)

WELCOME:

Supplies Needed: Bible, Blindfold, Small Scoreboard, Anger Toy (1 set per Campus), Glow Stick (1 per service) in a box. *Note: you will need a table/hightop to put items on.*

“Hey, everyone. Happy Summer! Before we get started with our Bible Story today, check out this video!

CG: Summerpalooza Promo Video (Runtime: 1:00)

“Wow! Summerpalooza sounds amazing! Make sure you don’t miss it, and invite a friend!”

Ok City! Let’s get started! I need a volunteer contestant to come up here and help me with figuring out some different kinds of items. The trick is, you’ll be blindfolded and won’t be able to see them. Let’s see if you can figure out what they are just by touch. Who is brave enough to try this with me?”

*Put the blindfold on your contestant. Set these items in front of the contestant: a small scoreboard, an “Anger” character from the Inside Out movie, and a glow stick.
Name each item once contestant has guessed.*

Note: It would be ideal if contestant doesn’t already know what the items are, in order to get a genuine reaction. Ask questions like, “What does it feel like?”

“That was great, [Contestant’s name]! Thanks for your help with that. I’m just going to leave these right here for now. It’s pretty interesting that even when [Contestant’s name] couldn’t tell us exactly what the item was, he/she could still tell us what it FELT like. Love is kind of like that, too. It’s not easy to say what love IS, but we know how love FEELS.

“There was a guy named Paul who lived a long, long time ago. Paul spent most of his life following Jesus, and he wrote many of the books in the Bible. In a letter that Paul wrote to a group of people in a city called Corinth, he said that love is like this.

Open the Bible to 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (NIRV) and read.

“Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not want what belongs to others. It does not brag. It is not proud. It does not dishonor other people. It does not look out for its own interests. It does not easily become angry. It does not keep track of other people’s wrongs. Love is not happy with evil. But it is full of joy when the truth is spoken. It always protects. It always trusts. It always hopes. It never gives up. Love never fails.”

“Wow! That’s the way we SHOULD love people, but it’s not always that easy. That’s what our video is all about today! Let’s take a look!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 7:00)

“When we played that guessing game, one of the things was this scoreboard.

Hold up the scoreboard.

“Sometimes we start looking at all the stuff we have, and then we look at all the stuff our friends or neighbors have, and we start to keep score. But that’s not what love does. When we love others, we don’t focus on who has what cool thing and how we can get it. We don’t keep score of how other people have treated us. If we’re going to really love people, we’ve got to get rid of the scoreboard. We’ve got to show love no matter what.”

Set the scoreboard down.

“Let’s see . . . what else did we pull out of the box? Right—this guy.

Hold up the ‘Anger’ character from Inside Out.

“Does anybody know who this is? *(Pause for response.)* That’s right! This is Anger from *Inside Out*.

“Here’s what anger does inside us. Anger is just looking for a reason to get mad. As soon as things don’t go your way . . . ANGER, ANGER, ANGER! But just like Paul said in his letter, love doesn’t easily become angry. Love is patient and kind. If we’re going to love like Paul said we should—if we’re going to love people like Jesus loves people—then we can’t walk around getting angry all the time. We’ve got to let go of our anger.”

“The last thing we took out of the box was this glow stick.

Hold up the glow stick.

“I love glow sticks. They’re so fun! I get one and I get so excited. I can’t wait to crack it to make it light up. *(Crack it.)* It’s so bright and shiny! If you turn out the lights, one glow stick can really light up a room! But have you ever noticed what happens to this incredible glow stick the next day? What happens? *(Pause for response.)* Right—it doesn’t glow any more. This super-cool, bright and shiny glow stick that is so incredibly fun today is basically useless tomorrow, right? That’s because it can’t last forever. It fails.

“But Paul told us in his letter that love NEVER fails! No matter what happens, no matter what’s going on, love is ALWAYS the wise choice. Why? Because love never fails. Remember this...”

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “Love others because God loves you.

“Let’s pray and ask God to help us do that.”

Pray: “Dear God, thank You so much for showing us what love is all about. We are so thankful that You loved us enough to send Jesus to rescue us. Thank You for always being patient and kind. Thank You for loving us with a love that never fails. Please help us to follow Your example and show love to others. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

“Our memory verse this month is Galatians 5:22-23. It reminds us that we have God’s Spirit to help us as we choose to live His way every day. Here it is.”

CG: Memory Verse Slide

“The fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy and peace. It is being patient, kind and good. It is being faithful and gentle and having control of oneself, Galatians 5:22-23a (NIRV).

“I sure love hanging out here with all of you, and I know you’ll have a blast in Small Group, too. Before we head there, 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. Here’s a picture of some homes in Nairobi!”

CG: Kenyan Homes 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: 2:00)

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