

# City LG-February 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

**Bible Story:** You're the Inspiration (No Greater Love) • *John 15:12-13*

**Bottom Line:** Love others because Jesus loves you.

**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 (NIRV)

**CG: Countdown Video**

**WORSHIP: "We are Royals" and "Every Beat"**

*Worship Leader prays...*

**Supplies Needed: 1 Hot Potato Item (per Campus)**

"What's up City? I just love music. Do you? What kinds of music do you like? (*Pause for response.*) Wow. I love it! Well, all month long we're having fun with music and playlists. We're putting love in the mix!

**CG: Love Slide**

**"Love is choosing to treat others the way you want to be treated.**

**CG: Theme Slide**

"You see, love is more than just feelings and cards and candy. Love is about how you treat others and what you do for them. For example, your family does a lot for you. You might not think about it. But I'd guess that most of you don't make your own dinner and do all of the chores around the house and pay all of the bills. Your family does that for you because they love you. When we love people, we **[Basic Truth] treat them the way we want to be treated.**

"Now, before we get to our awesome story, you know we like to have a little fun to start things off. I've got a great music game for you called 'Hot Potato Musical Mayhem'!

**CG: "Hot Potato Musical Mayhem" Slide**

**CG: "Hot Potato Musical Mayhem" Slide w/ Music**

*Make sure entire group is sitting together and then pass out the "hot potato" to one willing volunteer (one per Campus).*

"All right. This is a game of 'Hot Potato'. So, when the music starts, everyone will slowly hand the 'Hot Potato' to the person next to them, and so on. You've got to keep going and going until the music stops.

"Here's the twist. For this round, this game of 'hot potato' involves a challenge. If you are the one caught with the potato in your hands when the music stops, you have to stand up and do your coolest dance move for the group. No pressure. Let's give it a try. Ready, set, go!

*Play the music for a while and then stop it at an arbitrary time.  
(Whoever is controlling the music should do this without looking.)  
Play four or five more rounds, ideally giving lots of different groups a chance to do the challenge.*

"Great job, everyone. That was really fun. I am so happy to be here to talk about love. You know, Jesus had a lot to say about love. (*Hold up Bible.*) In fact, just before He was going to give up His life on the cross, He had a conversation with His disciples about it.

“Jesus explained to His friends how they needed to stay joined to Him—like branches are joined to a vine. He gave them a command:

*Open the Bible to John 15:12-13 (NirV) and read.*

*“Love one another, just as I have loved you. No one has greater love than the one who gives their life for their friends.”*

“Let me read that again.

*“Love one another, just as I have loved you. No one has greater love than the one who gives their life for their friends.”*

“Jesus wanted the disciples to understand that they could follow His example in loving others. After all, Jesus was about to give His LIFE for them—and for us. He knew He was about to die on the cross so that ALL of us could be forgiven of our sins—the things we’ve done that are wrong. It was the greatest example of love the world has ever known! Let’s take a look at this week’s video to find out more!”

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 6:30)**

“There’s a reason why we should choose to love others and put them first. We love others because Jesus loved us first. He led the way!

“That might mean you choose to give up your own plans for something that matters more. It might mean that you let your friend take a turn in the game to show him that he’s important to you. It might mean helping your sister with her chores, even though you don’t have to and you’re all done with yours.

“Jesus did the most amazing and wonderful thing for us to show us that He loved us. He died on the cross for our sins! It’s our job now to follow Jesus’ example and show other people that we love them.

**CG: Bottom Line Slide**

**[Bottom Line] “Love others because Jesus loves you.**

“Jesus’ love is the greatest example of love. It’s because of His great love that we should love others. Let’s pray and ask Him to help us do that.”

**Pray:** “God, thank You for showing us what real love is. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to die for us. Thank You for reminding us that we should love others because of the way Jesus loved us first. Help us to look for ways that we can love and serve the people in our lives. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name amen.”

“Our memory verse this month comes from 1 John 4:10. Let’s take a look.

**CG: Memory Verse Slide**

*“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 (NirV).*

“God loved us first, and that’s why we love others. This week, look for ways that you can show love by treating others the way you want to be treated. Before we head to Small Groups, 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 (Runtime: 2:00)***

*Dismiss to Small Groups*