

# City LG-February 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

**Bible Story:** All for Love (A Woman Pours Perfume on Jesus at Bethany) • *Mark 14:1-9 (Supporting: John 12:1-8)*

**Bottom Line:** Love God with everything you've got.

**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 (NlrV)

**CG: Countdown Video**

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

*Worship Leader prays...*

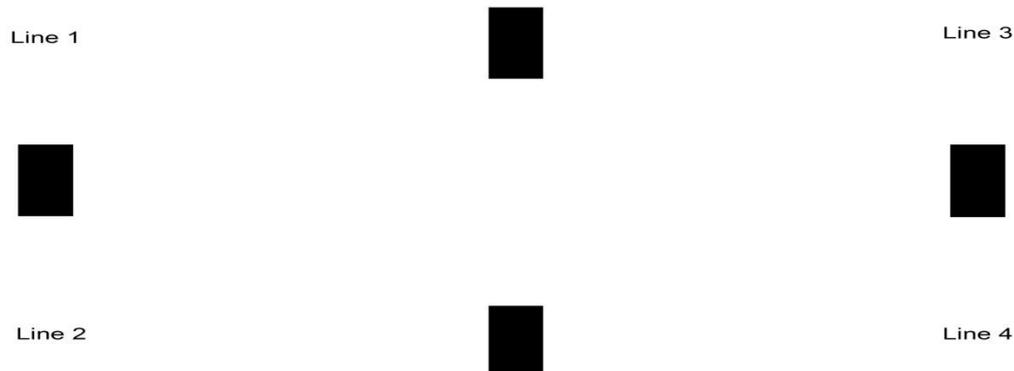
"Hello, everybody! I am so happy to be here with you today, and I can't wait to get into our story. But before we do, who wants to play a game? Great! Here's how to play..."

## GAME: Love Relay Race

**Supplies Needed:** *Foam Hearts, 4 Bins, 4 Plastic Serving Spoons*

### How to Play:

Split children up into 2 teams on opposite ends of the room. Once the teams are divided, have the girls make one line, and the boys make another. Once this is completed, you should have 4 lines total. Give each boy or girl at the front of their line a plastic serving spoon. Place one empty bin in between each team's lines. Next, place the 2 bins with foam hearts in them at the center of the playing area, in line with each team. The object of the game is to speed walk down to the foam heart bins, grab one heart at a time, place it on the spoon, and careful walk back and place the heart in your team's bin. The team that has the most hearts in their bin at the end of the countdown, wins! **(Diagram of playing area below)**



**CG: 3 Minute Countdown Video**

"Great job playing the game everyone! When we went to the middle to get the hearts, we had to be careful it didn't fall off before we brought it back to our team's bin. We also have to be careful in life, that we don't let the love of Jesus fall off of our lives. Now, Do me a favor. Lean over to your neighbor and whisper, 'This part is the best part!'"

*Hold hand beside ear and nod.*

**KIDS:** *(Loud whisper)* "This part is the best part!"

“And WHY is this the best part?! Well, this is the best part because we get to hear what God says about our topic for the month. Which is what? *(Pause for response.)* LOVE! That’s right. I can tell you all day what I think about love. But that’s not nearly as important as what God thinks about love.

*(Hold up Bible.)* “We’re looking at a time when Jesus and His friends had entered Jerusalem to celebrate the holiday called Passover. This was just before Jesus died on the cross and then came back to life. By this point, the religious leaders didn’t like Jesus very much. They weren’t happy that He claimed to be God’s Son . . . so they wanted to arrest Him.

“It must have been a relief for Jesus to spend the evenings in the town of Bethany, outside of Jerusalem. Two nights before Passover, Jesus ate dinner at the home of a man named Simon. Simon had once had a terrible skin disease, but he was now healthy. It’s possible that Jesus had healed him. To tell you what happened next, let’s take a look at this week’s video! Watch this!”

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 5:00)**

“Mary loved Jesus with EVERYTHING she had. She had freely given what she valued most to show her love for Him. Some people thought it seemed like a waste of something really expensive, but to Jesus it looked like an act of love.

“Mary understood what it meant to **[Bottom Line] love God with everything you’ve got.**

“That’s what we can do, too. Remember:

**CG: Bottom Line Slide**

**[Bottom Line] “Love God with everything you’ve got.**

“We can’t show our love for Jesus by pouring a bottle of perfume over His head like Mary did. But we CAN show how much we love Him by the way we talk to Him, by the way we choose to spend time with Him, and with the way we follow Him every day. Let’s pray and ask God to help us do that.”

**Pray:** “Dear God, thank You for this reminder today that we should love You with everything we’ve got. Help us to remember that and not to hold anything back. Help us to show You love like Mary did. Help us to show You just how much You mean to us by remembering to spend time with You and live the way You want us to live. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

“Our memory verse, 1 John 4:10, is a great reminder that we can love God, because He loved us first! Say it with me.

**CG: Memory Verse Slide**

**KIDS:** “*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. He sent His Son for us. So we can choose to love HIM without holding back. It’s like Jesus said—we should love God with all of our heart, our soul, and our mind *(see Matthew 22:37)*.

**CG: Bottom Line Slide**

**[Bottom Line] “Love God with everything you’ve got.**

“There are lots of ways we can show God how much we love Him. We can spend time with Him by praying or reading the Bible. We can do the things we know God wants us to do. We can love the people He created. We can talk with others about how awesome He is. Since God loved us first, our response should be to love Him back. Let’s love Him with everything we’ve got! Now, 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 kids to their small groups.*