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July 26-27, 2014

DATE

I John 4:18, Mark 16:15
Adventure Bible (p. 1119, 1373)

WHERE TO FIND IT

Sharing God's Love

LESSON TITLE

Once we accept God's true love, we want to share our love with others.

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (15 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (30 minutes): Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

Small Group (15 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

Find a kid and start an intentional conversation. Ask them questions that will provoke an extended response, instead of just "yes" or "no."

Kids' Club is hosting the first-ever Family Movie Night on August 1. Please hand out invitations with the Daily Talk Starters at check-out.

check-in/out

MAKE SURE KIDS HAVE THEIR TWO INVITATIONS TO FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT. One invitation is for their family; one is so that they can invite a friend's family!

large group heads up

Today we will be encouraging kids to spread God's love everywhere they go, just as Elsa spread love all over the kingdom in *Frozen*!



connect time

GOAL: *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

***Before Connect Time, please have a leader blow up 2 NEW globe beach balls per small group (they have never been used).**

COVERED WITH SNOW

**Split kids into small groups.*

- **Introduce** yourself and learn everyone's names (be sure to introduce kids who join late). **Blow up 2 globe beach balls for your small group if you haven't already.***
- **Split** kids into two teams (or the equivalent of two teams per small group if you are playing as a large group)
- **Give** each separate team **a globe beach ball.**
- **Give** each kid **2 strips of 6 stickers**
- **Race** to cover these globes in snow! We will use white stickers as the snow, and we are going to see how fast we can go. But every single kid has to put on their 12 stickers (no one kid putting them all on: it's a group effort).
- **Time** them with the **stopwatch. Compete** until the stickers are out.
- If you want, **compare** to other small groups. But make sure you keep kids in their group so you can debrief:
- **Discuss:**
 - Is there anything you wish you could give to the entire world?
 - What was the best part of your week? The worst part of your week?

Before you head into Large Group, remind them about your expectations for their behavior:(1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) Understand why God's love is perfect "true love" and how they can accept it and (2) understand why they should share God's love with the world and (3) come up with applicable ways they can share God's love with their friends and family.

Why: God's love has the power to change the world, and we want kids to understand that the only way to do that is to share his love with others.

Tip: Small group will be about coming up with applicable ways to share God's love. Share some personal examples to help them imagine different ways of doing that.

small group

REVIEW AND DIG DEEPER

***Pass around a *beanbag* to the person who's speaking. Each group member should be prepared to hold the beanbag and answer questions.**

1. What did Elsa do when she realized her sister was willing to die for her?
2. What happened when she shared that love with the kingdom?
3. Anna's life was saved through love; how did God save *our* lives through love?
4. Do you think it's important to share God's love with the world? Why?
5. What do you think would happen if we loved people more? How would our city change?
6. How did you first hear about God's love?

ACTIVITY #1: SHARING THE NEWS

- **Ask:** Did anybody feel like God is asking you to do something specific to share his love? If not, let's see if we can come up with some specific ways that we could show love to family, friends or even to someone we've never met before! (Help kids think of acts of kindness: helping a friend with homework, giving money to someone in need, inviting a friend to church, etc.)
- Hand out ***newsprint paper and markers***
- **Create** newspapers by filling in the spaces with pictures or written sentences (these are like the news stories and headlines) with real life ways they can share God's love, the Good News. (Feel free to let kids work in pairs or alone.)
- As they create, **connect.** Ask questions like these:

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- Have you ever felt a time when you didn't want to share God's love with someone? What was that like?
 - What is a specific way you could show love to someone in your family this week? How about a friend, or someone you don't like, at school?
 - Should we only show love to people that we like? Why or why not?
 - What do you think would happen if we were able to tell the whole entire world about the Good News of God's love? How would the world be different?
- **Share** what they have written or drawn on their newspapers.

****AS KIDS FINISH CREATING, HERE'S ACTIVITY #2:**

Give each kid TWO invitations to Family Movie Night. One is for their family. One is for a friend's family. Tell them it's going to be a chance for us to all have some fun together and watch Frozen. They won't want to miss it! You can also ask them whom they'd like to invite.

***Pray together, asking God to help us share the good news of his love!**

*Extra Time? Try this demonstration of how **God's love grows when we share it!***

Set-up: *Can someone tell me an example of something that gets smaller when you give it away and share it with people, like, say, cake? (Let kids respond.) Yep, most physical things, like cake, tend to disappear once you give it all away!*

Demonstrate: *(Take out a **piece of paper** and a **pair of scissors**.) How many corners do you see? (Let kids respond.) Do you think there will be more corners, or less corners, when I cut one off and share it? (Let kids respond.) (Proceed to cut off a corner and give it to someone.)*

Explain: *Can someone count the number of corners I have now? (They may count 5, or they may count more.) If we count each corner again, there are now five corners! Instead of losing a corner, we gained one. It's the same with God's love. When we share it, we don't lose it, it just grows bigger and bigger!*

special notes

The goal of this July series is that kids will (1) **understand the Gospel** using Biblical teachings and viewing applicable examples from the movie *Frozen*, (2) **recognize the freedom Jesus' rescue brings us**, and (3) **practice retelling the Gospel** in their own words.

presenter tips

Really get excited about Family Movie Night. It's at every site on August 1, and it's going to be fun! It's also a really practical way kids can act on what they've been learning.

script

(click to show the [Family Movie Night ad](#))

Hey everybody! Welcome to Kid's Club! We are so excited to have you here. I am super excited about today because we are finishing up our series on the movie *Frozen*. You know what else makes me excited?! Kids' Club is going to have a Family Movie Night THIS Friday at Crossroads. Ask an adult if they'll take you—and ask a friend's family to come too. You'll get a special invitation during small group and you can ask your small group leader about it.

INTRO: IT'S FUN TO SHARE!

Before we get to our last *Frozen* clip, let's talk about the game you all just played. It was pretty fun to see how fast we could cover the globe with snow, huh? Just like we covered those globes with snow, what is something that you wish you could spread over the entire world? Now before you answer, let's clarify. I don't mean something like cheese, or peanut butter, even though that would be so awesome! I mean something that you want to give, or share, with the whole world.

To think about this, everybody stand up! (Let kids stand.) **Find one person you don't know and ask them (1) their name and (2) what they wish they could give to every person in the whole entire world.** Ready? GO. (Let kids stand and connect. Then ask them to sit and continue.) Great! Do I have a couple of volunteers to tell us who you met and what they want to share? (Let 2-4 kids respond.)

LOVE TRANSFORMS

Today, we are going to learn more about something that God wants us to share with the whole world, and to do that, we're going to watch a movie clip from *Frozen*! This is a clip of what happens at the very end. A girl named Anna is willing to give up her life to save her sister, Elsa, even though Elsa has ruined their home by causing a never-ending winter. See if you can



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figure out what Elsa does when she realizes how much Anna loves her.

Video: Frozen_Clip 4 (about 1 minute)

Wow! That was incredible! Who would like to tell me what Elsa did? (Let someone respond.) Yes, she saved the kingdom. And how did she do that? (Let a kid answer.) That's right! With love, true love! By sharing love, she was able to change her entire city.

ACCEPTING GOD'S TRUE LOVE

Before we talk about spreading God's love, let's talk about what happens when we accept it. Take a look at this verse:

SLIDE: 1:1 John 4:18: "God's love has no fear, because his perfect love drives out all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced His love."

Can someone tell me what specific thing **cannot** be a part of God's love? (Let kids respond.) That's right! God's love has no fear whatsoever! That's because his love is perfect. It's the ultimate true love. Let's think back to that video with Elsa and Anna. Before that point, Elsa had fear. She was afraid of hurting Anna, afraid of using her powers for bad, afraid of being close to her sister! But once she realized that Anna loved her unconditionally, without fear, Elsa realized that love has no fear. And that saved Anna!

What kind of things are you afraid of? Is anyone willing to share? (Let kids respond.) Those are pretty scary...and I get afraid sometimes too. It's hard to always remember God loves us! Sometimes I'm scared of _____ (*insert a personal response*). But then I try to remember how much God loves me because I'll know that I don't have to be afraid of *anything*! God's love pushes away the fear.

SPREADING THE LOVE/THE GOOD NEWS

So we've seen just how awesome God's true love is, but why do we need to spread it? What's the point of sharing it? Let's check out what this verse says about it:

SLIDE: Mark 16:15: "He said, 'Go into all the world, and preach the Good News to all creation.'"

Does anyone know what the Good News is? (Give kids a chance to respond.) It's the story of how God's true love is so great, that he sent Jesus to die for all the wrong things in the world. No matter what we've done wrong, God loves us and forgives us!

So why is it called the Good News? (Allow a kid to respond.) News (pick up the **newspaper**) is something that we share with people, something that we want them to know. Just like this newspaper right here. It was printed at a factory and then delivered to houses and businesses and streets all over the world! Or sometimes now we read it online and it's delivered all over the world on the Internet. And the Good News is that Jesus didn't stay dead, he lives today! And He loves each and every one of you.



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I don't know about you, but I think God's love should fill up every newspaper and news site in the world! This love is so great, that God wants us to share with everyone we know! Do you remember how Elsa shared love with the kingdom? What happened when she did that? (Allow a kid to respond.) That's right, the kingdom was thawed! All the snow melted and Spring returned because she shared her love with everyone. She changed her entire city!

PRAY

Let's pray together and ask God to help us share his love with the world (invite a kid up to the stage to pray if you want) so we can change our city!

Now there's one more really important thing to talk about when it comes to God's perfect love. We get to share the most awesome, exciting news with the entire world, and this is reason to celebrate! Let's watch one more video that shows how people celebrate love. As you watch, think about how God might be asking YOU to share his love.

Video: Frozen_Clip 5

Wow, that celebration looks fun! If you feel God is asking you to share his love, you'll have a chance to share that in small group. But for now, does anyone know what a good word is for when we celebrate God's love? That's right, worship!

WORSHIP

Worship is a form of celebration, it's when we thank God for everything he's given us by singing and dancing and praying! Let's watch this video and worship some more.

Worship Video: Radio

Music Video: Come with Me

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PREP needs



connect time supplies

Per kid

12 white round stickers (use Avery labels 5293 and cut into 2 strips of 6 stickers)

Per group

2 beach balls (OT: IN-49/1290) – not reused
1 stopwatch

small group supplies

Per kid

1 piece of newsprint paper (can find newsprint sheets at uline.com)
2 Movie Night Invitations

Per group

Beanbag
Adventure Bible (p. 1119, 1373)
Markers
Piece of paper
Safety scissors

large group supplies

Adventure Bible (p. 1119, 1373)
Newspaper

a/v needs

1. Intro song: Love is an Open Door (Worship Bumper folder)
2. Image: Family Movie Night ad
3. Video: Frozen Clip 4 (about 1 minute)
4. SLIDE: 1:1 John 4:18: "God's love has no fear, because his perfect love drives out all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced His love."
5. SLIDE: Mark 16:15: "He said, 'Go into all the world, and preach the Good News to all creation.'"
6. Video: Frozen Clip 5
7. Music Video: Radio (this is not our original content but has been used before and should be on a K-5th Keynote compilation of music)
8. Music Video: Come With Me (with hand motions)

connect questions

How can we share God's love?
Why do we share God's love?

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