



Kindergarten-2nd

July 19-20, 2014

DATE

The Gospel

LESSON TITLE

Eph. 3:18; John 15:13

Adventure Bible for Early Readers (pp. 1259, 1373)

WHERE TO FIND IT

True Love is Self-Sacrificial

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (20 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (25 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

The extra time activities (freeze dance and a lip sync “contest”) might be fun activities to play 15 minutes before the service starts, as kids arrive. Blast the tunes and make the room festive and fun!

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

As kids leave, remind them to tell their parents who their picture is from. (Kids made a picture *from* God to them!)

large group heads up

Today, we are talking about how the greatest love (Jesus') is when we lay down everything (even our lives) for our friends. We're focusing on the fact that Jesus did this for us more than we can do that for others. The truth is, when we first understand how deeply we are loved, we are set free to share it.



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.*

FROZEN "HOT" POTATO

- Put kids into small groups.
- Sit in circles. Give two kids per circle a "snowball." (There should be **two snowballs per circle.**)
- Have one volunteer turn on any of the ***Frozen* songs** (in the last slides of the Keynote presentation).
- While music plays, kids pass the snowballs.
- At random, the volunteer should stop the music. Both kids holding a snowball in each circle are "out." Have kids who are out either sit behind their circle or in a designated area of the classroom.
- Then ask kids IN the circle if they'd be willing to swap with someone who's out.
- Continue as many rounds as you desire.
- **Once most kids have arrived and it's almost time for large group, stop and ask kids about the best and worst parts of their week.**

If you have extra time, remind them of 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) recognize that true love gives up self for others and (2) understand that Jesus truly loves us!

Why? When we understand how fully we are loved by Jesus, our reaction will be to share it.

Tip: Make sure to give kids an opportunity to share what they heard from God. And feel free to share what you heard too! It also might be a great opportunity for you to talk to them about different ways God speaks to you.

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. Read John 15:12 together. **John 15:13 No one has greater love than the one who gives his life for his friends.** Ask: What's the biggest way a person can show love?
2. How did Anna show this kind of love for Elsa?
3. How did Jesus show this kind of love for us?
4. Why was Jesus willing to lay down his life?
5. Why do you think Jesus loves us so much?
6. How did Elsa react when she realized how much Anna loved her?
7. How do you feel when you think about how much Jesus loves you?

ACTIVITY: LOVE FROM JESUS

We can only love others once we know how very loved we are by God. Sometimes we write notes or draw pictures for people we love.

- Give each kid a piece of **paper**.
- Ask kids: has somebody ever given you a really special card or picture? What did it look like? What did it say?
- Take a moment to think about what you might make for somebody *really* special.
- Use the **markers, 5 stickers and stampers** to make a picture from God...to them!
- *If this is tough for some kids, have them first make a picture for someone special; then remind them that Jesus loves us WAY more than anybody else possibly could.*
- As you color, share what God said during today's worship time. Ask:
 - 1. Did anybody hear God tell you something about how much he loves you?
 - 2. Does anybody have ideas of ways to love others?

- At the end, remind kids: Guess what? Jesus gave up his life for you! Pretend this picture is from Him (because he loves you even more than we could ever understand). Hang it up somewhere this week to remember.

Extra time? Play the game from Connect Time. Or, if all groups are wrapping up, enjoy this “Frozen” unit by playing Freeze Dance. Blast the tunes from the movie or other KC favorites and kids have to freeze when you press pause! (If you want, make them do something funny if they move, like sing along for the next round.) You could even stage a lip sync “contest”!

special notes

Today's clip is from the end of the movie. Make sure to thoroughly describe the situation (pictures and description are included in script) so kids who haven't seen it can still understand what the script is illustrating.

presenter tips

While we'll introduce ideas for how kids can apply today's truth, the emphasis of the lesson should be about really grasping the extent of Jesus' love for us.

script

****Play the intro music as kids come in.***

Hi, kids. Welcome to Kids' Club! It's great to see you here. We played a game of Frozen Hot Potato, and it looked pretty fun. But I noticed that some of you were willing to give up your winning spot in the circle to help somebody who was out—to let them back in the game. Raise your hand if you were out and somebody gave up their spot to let you back in (let kids respond). How did it make you guys feel? (Let 2-3 kids with raised hands respond.)

Yeah, it probably made you feel special, happy, etc. (sum up what your group shared). That's because when somebody gives up something for us, it makes us feel loved. In fact, the Bible talks a lot about love and giving up something for others to show them love. Let's take a look!

JESUS' LOVE IS SACRIFICIAL

We're going to read at a verse we've seen before. It tells us about Jesus' love and we can find it in John 15:13 in the Bible.

SLIDE: John 15:13 No one has greater love than the one who gives his life for his friends.

We've talked about giving up something for others before. When we give up something out of love for another person or for Jesus, it's called a "sacrifice." Can you guys say, "sacrifice"? (Let kids say it.)

Great! When you gave up being in the game of hot potato by switching your spot in the circle with somebody else who had gotten "out", you *sacrificed* winning the game. And that's exactly how Jesus loves us: he came to earth and died to take the punishment for all the wrong things in the world. But then, he came back to life! His love was more powerful than anything!



script continued

ANNA'S LOVE IS SACRIFICIAL

Of course, Jesus shows us a great and perfect love! As much as we might love others—or they love us, we won't always act like it. But even in our broken world, we appreciate love that gives up *everything* for somebody else. In fact, we can see a love like this in one of my favorite movies....*Frozen!*

(show Family Movie Night ad) Hey, and if you guys love this movie, Kids' Club is going to have a Family Movie Night in two weeks and watch it together. So ask an adult if they want to take you! And you can invite your friends' families too!

(Show picture of Anna and Elsa.) Anyways, in the movie, Elsa had tried so hard to stop making everything into ice. But she couldn't stop on her own. She was causing a forever winter, but she wouldn't let her sister Anna help her. She actually tried to get Anna to just leave her alone...but when she pushed Anna away, she ended up freezing Anna's heart! Oh no!

(Show picture of Anna and Kristoff.) Anna's friend Kristoff took her to get help, but the only thing that was strong enough to save her was an "act of true love." She thought that meant she was supposed to kiss the man of her dreams.

A lot of stuff happens as she tries to get a true love kiss, but basically, she ends up in the middle of a big snowstorm, nearly dying. In the distance, she sees Kristoff coming toward her for a kiss on one side ...and her sister Elsa, in trouble, on the other side. She has to make a choice to go to Kristoff, kiss him and live...but let her sister die. OR, she could go save her sister...but then Anna would probably die. Let's watch what happened. See if Anna chooses to save herself or save her sister.

Video: Frozen K2_Clip 3 (1:25:44-1:27:50)

Wow, so did Anna choose to save herself or to save her sister? (Let kids say: her sister). That's right! Anna chose to save her sister by giving up—or sacrificing—her life. But guess what?? Giving up ourselves...is true love!! It's greater than any other kind of love.

JESUS CHOSE US

Wow, let's think about that for a minute. ***Everybody, close your eyes.*** Imagine what it was like: Jesus was living in Heaven with God, where everything was fun and perfect and he never got hurt and never felt sad. He could choose to stay there forever.

Or, he could choose to come to this world and rescue us, but that meant he would get bored and hurt and sick, and people would be mean to him and dislike him. It meant he would have to die a really painful death on the cross, one that he didn't deserve. It's like getting punished for something you didn't do.

OK, open your eyes. Turn to one other person and tell them if you think Jesus chose to stay in Heaven with God or come to earth to rescue us. (Let kids respond; then ask one to share.) Yes, Jesus chose to come to this world to rescue us!



script continued

And WHY did he make that choice? (Let kids respond: He loved us! Then repeat.) Yes, why did he make that choice? (Let another kid say, “He loves us!” Call out a couple kids, ask them why Jesus made that choice, and let them say, “He loves us!”) Yes. Jesus loves all of us so much that he gave up being in Heaven with God to come and rescue us.

BUT, the best part of that story is that He came back to life...and since he took the punishment for all the wrong things we’ve ever done or will ever do, we can ALL be close to God!

WE CAN LOVE LIKE THIS TOO

(picture of Elsa shooting “love rays”) Now, when Anna gave up her life for Elsa and Elsa realized how much Anna loved her, what did she do? (Let kids say: Sent love all over.) Yes, she began sending love everywhere to take away the ice and pain.

And when we realize that Jesus gave up himself for us, what can we do? (Let kids respond. If you have a young group, move on to the examples.) Yes, we can show that love to others by giving up something for them. Remember our verse:

John 15:13 No one has greater love than the one who gives his life for his friends.

Jesus gave up his life for us. We can give up some things for others. Here are some ideas of ways we can show love. If you hear one that could maybe work for you, just put your hand over your heart to remind yourself that you could love somebody that way. Ready? *(Don’t make a big deal about the response; let kids individually decide if they’d like to respond.)*

- **(show image of water slide)** Maybe you let somebody go down the slide first at the pool. You give up your place in line.
- **(show image of monkey bars)** Maybe you let a person you don’t know go first on the monkey bars or swings at the park.
- **(show image of snack)** Maybe you give your snack to a friend who wants it.
- **(show image of video game)** Maybe you let your little brother or sister play your video game.

We could all do one of those things, couldn’t we? Even if we don’t have much, we have some way to give to others and show God’s love.

WORSHIP

To think about this a little, we’re going to listen to a song all about how God loves us and how we can love each other. *As you listen, pretend Jesus is singing it to you.* You can lay and listen or sit and watch.

And if you feel like God might be asking you to show his love to somebody by giving up something for them this week, just put your hand over your heart again. If not, that’s OK. Just enjoy thinking about how much Jesus loves you! Then we’re going to sing one of our favorite songs about how much...Jesus loves us!



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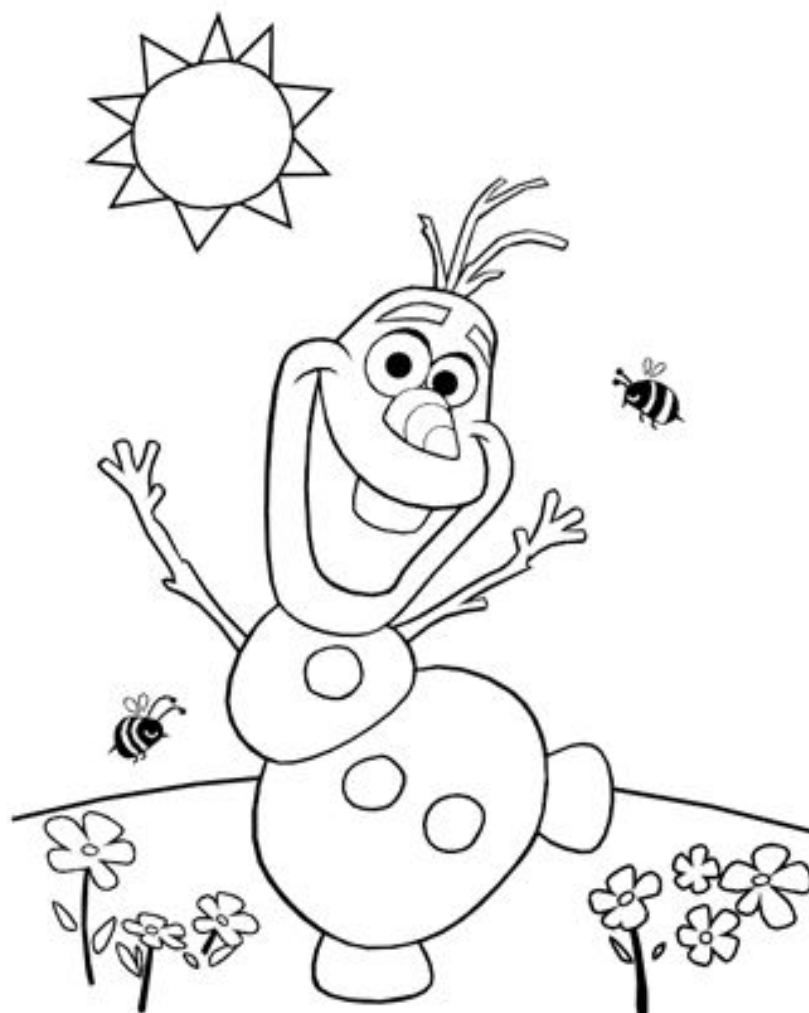
Music Video: Cow Loves Moo

Music Video: Jesus Loves Me

PRAY

Ask somebody to come and thank Jesus for giving up his life for us.

name



PREP needs



connect time supplies

Per Group

2 snowballs (OT: IN-95/7249)

Frozen songs from Keynote presentation

small group supplies

Per kid

Coloring pages: Snowman

1 piece of construction paper

2 heart stickers & 3 other stickers per kid

Per group

Markers

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1 beanbag

stampers (can re-use old ones or get an assortment from OT: IN-5/629)

Special Room Setup

Invitations to hand out with the DTS's at check-out (plus extras to give to friends)

large group supplies

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a/v needs

1. Intro song: Love is an Open Door (Worship Bumper folder)
2. SLIDE: John 15:13 No one has greater love than the one who gives his life for his friends.
3. Image: Family Movie Night Ad
4. Image: Anna and Elsa
5. Image: Anna and Kristoff
6. Video: Frozen K2_Clip 3 (1:25:44-1:27:50)
7. Image: Elsa shooting "love rays"
8. SLIDE: John 15:13 No one has greater love than the one who gives his life for his friends.
9. Image: water slide
10. Image: monkey bars
11. Image: snack
12. Image: video game
13. Music Video: Cow Loves Moo (on KC website and Vimeo channel)
14. Music Video: Jesus Loves Me (with hand motions)
15. Load all songs from the Frozen soundtrack (in the Music folder on the server)

connect questions

Daily Talk Starts - separate doc

Tell me about the greatest kind of love.

How do we know Jesus loves us?

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