



# Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup>

July 26-27, 2014

DATE

The Gospel

LESSON TITLE

Mark 16:15  
Adventure Bible for Early Readers (p. 1190)

WHERE TO FIND IT

We can share God's Love with Others

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

If you run out of things to talk about with the kids, ask them about things they share with others. What they are, how and why they share, etc.

**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

**Tell parents that kids got a very special invitation to a Kids' Club Family Movie Night at their site! One invitation is for their family; one is so that they can invite a friend's family!**

## large group heads up

Today we're going to talk about spreading God's love. Watch out, you might get a little wet. (Just kidding...sort of!)



## 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.*

### **SPREAD THE BUBBLES!**

*\*Play in small groups*

- **Give all adult leaders a bottle of bubbles.**
- The point of the game is to **work together to get the bubbles to spread** as far as possible away from the person blowing them. Encourage the kids to get creative (*experiment with their bubble blowing technique, have the non bubble-blowers fan the bubbles to get them to travel the furthest, etc.*)
- **Start** the 10-second countdown (**SLIDE: 10-second timer**) and have all the leaders start to **blow bubbles**. Teams try to spread them!
  - *If you want more time, start one of the songs from the Frozen soundtrack (songs at end of Keynote) and let kids have a song length to spread their bubbles.*
- **Repeat** several times until the bubbles have reached the corners of the room.
- **Then gather kids into small groups and ask kids to share the best/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 God's love changes everything and (2) makes us want to spread that love to people around us.

**Why?** If we don't experience God's love first, we cannot share it with others.

**Tip:** If you're not sure how to respond to someone's answer, just ask, "Why?" This will help them process their thoughts and feelings.

## 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. Who loves you? How do you know they love you?  
*\*If you have a kid who seems to feel unloved, move on quickly.*
2. How do we know that God loves us?
3. How can God's love change us?
4. In Mark 16:15, Jesus tells us to spread the gospel (the story of God's love). Why would we want to do that?
5. Who could we spread God's love to? How could we spread God's love?

### ACTIVITY #1

1. Tell each kid to **close his/her eyes**. (*While you tell this story, **place a water bottle in front of each child.***) Tell them to imagine that it's the hottest day they've ever experienced. They've been playing outside all day and haven't had anything to drink! If only they had a bottle of water! *Feel free to elaborate... make it as descriptive as you can!*
2. Ask them to **open their eyes**. **Point out** the water bottle in front of them; it's what they've been longing for! **Give them permission** to drink the water.
3. Ask them to look at the label. What does it say? What does it remind them of? (Label will have Mark 16:15 on it and says "melted snow." Talk about how water spreads!)
4. While they're drinking, **explain** that experiencing God's love is kind of like getting a bottle of water on a hot day, but even better. **Point out Mark 16:15** (written on the water bottle).



5. Give **another water bottle** and tell them **not to drink** this one. It's for sharing! Give them **markers** to decorate the water bottles.\*\*
6. Ask the kids 1) how they will share their water bottle/God's love and 2) who they will share it with.

**\*\*AS KIDS FINISH DECORATING, 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.

**\*Thank God that he his love changes us and ask him to show us who to share it with.**

*Extra time? Play the bubble game again. Or play one last game of Freeze Dance. Blast the tunes from the movie (on the end of the Keynote) and kids have to freeze when you press pause! They could also decorate their own water bottle.*



# LARGE group

## special notes

Try to keep the water bottle hidden until everyone has closed their eyes so you don't ruin the surprise.

## presenter tips

Try using different volumes of speaking when you're presenting. It keeps the kids engaged in what you're saying!

## script

***\*Play the intro music as kids come in. This will become a weekly tradition.***

Hey everyone! Welcome to Kids' Club. I'm really glad you're here! Cheer if you liked blowing and spreading bubbles! Can I have two people tell us how they worked as a team to spread their bubbles the furthest? *(Pick two kids to share.)*

It was really fun to watch the bubbles spread, wasn't it? I know that when something great happens, I want everyone around me to know about it. Take a second to think of the nicest, best thing anyone has ever done for you. **When you've thought of it, whisper it to your neighbor.** (When they're done, continue.) Today, I want to tell you about the best thing anyone has ever done for ME. (Pause in anticipation.) It's so amazing that I want everyone around me to experience it too!

### THE STORY OF GOD'S LOVE

The nicest, most amazing thing anyone has ever done for me is when God rescued me! He rescued all of us because he loves us so much. **(Show picture of Creation.)** See, a long time ago, God created Adam and Eve. He put them in a perfect garden on Earth and gave them everything they could have ever needed. And He loved them. Because He loved them so much, he wanted them to trust him. So He gave them only one rule: "Don't eat the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden." But guess what? They disobeyed Him. They didn't trust Him. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, terrible things like pain and even death entered the world. (Emphasize this part:) But the *worst thing* was that Adam and Eve were *separated* from God.

### GOD PLANNED A RESCUE

This isn't some fairytale about people a long time ago. Today, we still disobey God and experience those bad things. This sounds like a terrible story doesn't it? But don't worry... the story I'm going to tell today has a really happy ending for you and me.



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See, God loves so much that he doesn't ever want to be separated from us. So He created a rescue plan. But God's rescue plan required something really, really hard. (Lower your voice and use a more serious tone.) God's son, Jesus, had to die for all the wrong things in the world. God gave up the person he loved the most so that you and I could join his family and never be separated from him. Now that's a lot of love!

### SPREAD GOD'S LOVE

That love from God makes me feel so happy! And I want everyone around me to know about it! That's why I'm talking to you today. And guess what? Jesus actually told people who had experienced God's love to spread it around! In Mark 16:15, the Bible says,

**SLIDE: Mark 16:15 He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."**

### SHARING

"Gospel" is really just a fancy word for the story of how much God loves us. And I want to share that story with everyone around me. That gets me thinking about other things I like to share. If I see a really good movie, I tell everyone I know. I bet you all like to share that too. Let's practice sharing! **When you think of your favorite movie, stand up, but don't say it aloud yet.** (Let kids stand.)

Now that we're all standing, we're all going to share it at once by yelling it out. (Give them a three second countdown to share they're favorite movie.) Great movie choices! Let's all sit down.

**(Click to show the Family Movie Night ad)**

Hey! I think I heard someone shout out a movie that reminds me of what we're talking about today. We've been watching video clips from it the past couple weeks. Do you know what it is? That's right! It's Frozen. And you're going to get an invitation for your family to come to Crossroads together to watch Frozen for a Family Movie Night! It's THIS Friday and we hope to see all of you there with your families! You'll get a special invitation in small group.

### ELSA SHARES HER LOVE

Anyway, in this movie, Queen Elsa loses control of her power to freeze things around her and accidentally freezes the whole city, including her sister, Anna! (**SLIDE: picture of frozen kingdom**) A lot of things happen in the middle, but at the end, Elsa's sister Anna ends up being willing to give up her life to save Elsa. And when Elsa realizes how much Anna loves her...she wants to share it with everyone! Let's watch. As you watch, imagine what it would look like for you to spread love!

**Video: Frozen\_Clip 4 (Elsa thaws the kingdom; about 1 minute)**

Wow! Who wants to live in that kingdom now? I know I do! Because Elsa experienced true love, she immediately spread it to everyone else around her.



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## TRUE LOVE

Just like Elsa, when we experience something great, we want everyone to experience it. All that thawed ice is making me think of something else. Maybe it's because I'm hot right now. It's making me think of those really cool mist stations they have at zoos and parks. Do you know what I'm talking about? Some look like this (show picture on slide).

### SLIDE: picture of mist station

I love going to the zoo or a park, but I don't like being really hot! And right now, the zoo is really, really hot. And what feels better on a really, really hot day than a nice cooling mist? Let's all close our eyes and imagine walking at the park on a hot day, always looking for the mist station. And then, you finally see it off in the distance and you start running towards it. Finally, you make it through the large group of people and step into the mist station. (**Play the mist sound effect** and mist the audience with your **water bottle**. Wait until they're done reacting to move on.)

Those mist stations are amazing on a hot day. And Elsa's love in Frozen is also pretty cool. But neither of them even compare to God's love, which refreshes us more than the coolest drink of water on the hottest day.

## GOD'S FAMILY GROWS

In fact, you know what God's love does for me? It makes me feel like I'm a part of His family. That He's my perfect Dad who will love me forever. Even when I mess up! I don't even need to try and show off when I do something cool or hide when I do something bad. He loves me the same amount no matter what. That's so amazing! It changes everything. And I want everyone to have that kind of love. I want (point to kids) you, and you, and you to experience it. But I also want people outside of these walls to experience it, too.

## SPREAD GOD'S LOVE

But how do we do that? Does sharing God's love mean you have to get up and talk about it in front of a room full of people? No way! It *can* mean that, but it can also mean many more things. Maybe you tell a family member or friend about how God loves you, and that he loves them too. Or maybe you could invite them to come here and hear about God's love. You can get as creative as you want to be. We'll talk more about that in small groups.

## WORSHIP

One great way to celebrate God's love is to sing to him and tell him thank you! Today, we're going to sing about following Jesus and acting like him. Let's do that together right now.

**Music Video: Come With Me**

**Music Video: Grow Up Like Jesus**

## PRAY

Ask someone to come and thank God for his love and to help us spread it to everyone around us.

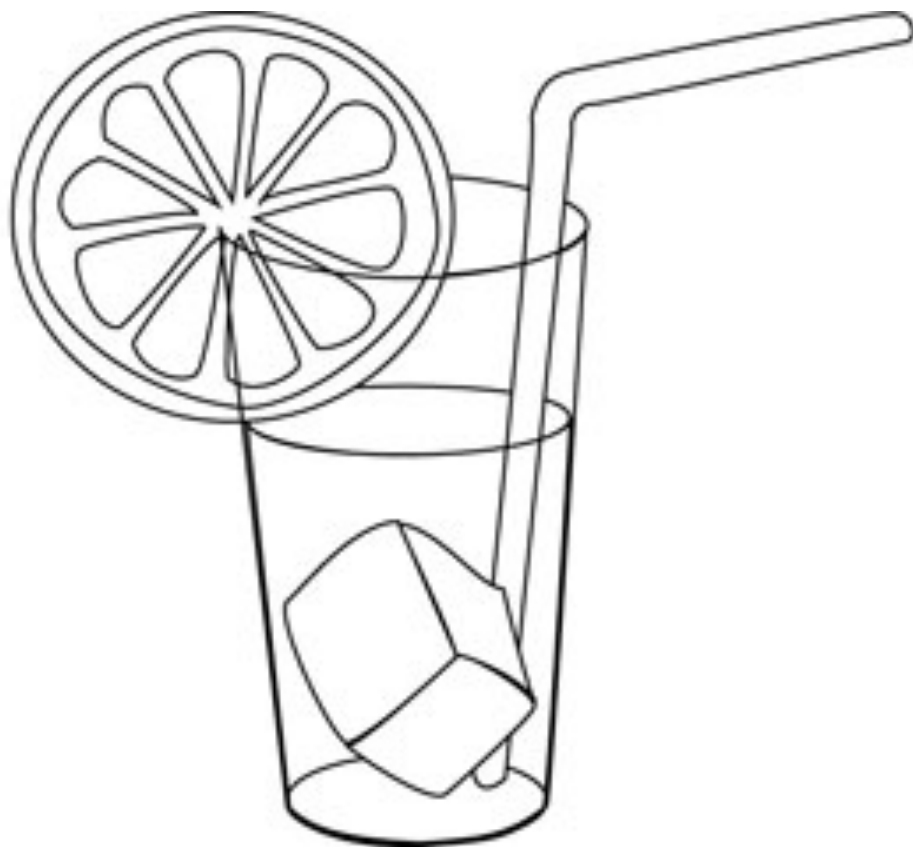




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# PREP needs



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## connect time supplies

Per Group

One bottle of bubbles

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## small group supplies

Per kid

Coloring Page: Cold drink

Two 8 oz bottles of water with custom labels

- Blank label example: [onlinelabels.com](http://onlinelabels.com), item # OL7000
- Print labels with included pdf of "Melted Snow," Mark 16:15 and [crossroadskidsclub.net](http://crossroadskidsclub.net)

Per Group

Markers

Adventure Bible for Early Readers (p. 1190)

Beanbag

Special Room Setup

2 Invitations to hand out with the DTS's at check-out

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## large group supplies

Adventure Bible for Early Readers (p. 1190)

Spray bottle filled with water

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## a/v needs

1. Intro song: Love is an Open Door (Worship Bumper folder)
2. Video: ten second timer (please use this video: <http://bit.ly/1qMoDzA> but begin at 0:11 so the first 10 seconds are cut off)
3. Image: pg. 21 from the Jesus Storybook Bible (mountain, ocean, flower)
4. Slide: Mark 16:15 He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."
5. Image: Family Movie Night ad
6. Slide: picture of Frozen Kingdom
7. Video: Frozen\_Clip 4 (Elsa thaws the kingdom; about 1 minute)
8. Slide: Picture of mist station
9. Sound clip: water spraying (please use this video clip: <http://bit.ly/1tdMABl> but cover with KC logo so it's sound only.)
10. Music Video: Come With Me (with hand motions)
11. Music Video: Grow Up Like Jesus (with hand motions)
12. Load all songs from the Frozen soundtrack (in the Music folder on the server)

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## connect questions

How can we share God's love?

Why do we share God's love?

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