



NEED TO KNOW

Today we're preparing kids and their families for something special happening next week: <u>On</u>
 <u>May 18-19, there are NO CROSSROADS SERVICES</u>. Instead, families are doing <u>GO Local</u>,
 all across their communities!

LARGE GROUP | 15 Minutes

- Introduce today's big idea, We can show extreme love through the story of Acts
- Scripture: Book of Acts

GAME TIME | 10 Minutes

Play a fun team-work based version of "Simon Says", all in one large group.

COOL DOWN | 10 Minutes

Watch a video and discuss in small groups.

LARGE GROUP | 15 Minutes

• Respond to today's big idea through worship and prayer.

SMALL GROUP | 15+ Minutes

 Personally connect with kids and apply the story to their lives by playing "Would You Rather: Extreme Love Edition"

LARGE GROUP

GAME TIME COOL

LARGE GROUP SMALL GROUP

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Big Idea: We can show extreme love.

Time: 15 minutes

Supplies: None

EXPECTATIONS

Say: Welcome to Kids' Club, we're so glad to have you here! We want this to be a <u>safe</u> and <u>fun</u> place for you. To do that, let's all commit to doing a few things:

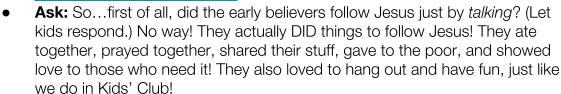
- Show respect to each other
- Listen when someone else is speaking
- Have fun!

THE BIG IDEA | 5 Minutes



- So here's today's big idea.
- Slide: We can show extreme love.
- **Say:** Today we're talking about the greatest team we will ever be a part of: the church! Can anyone tell me what you think I mean when I say, "the church"? (Let kids respond.) Yep, it's everyone in God's family! People who are following Jesus, and changing the world.
- **Say:** Let's check out a video and see what the early church was like, back when people first started following Jesus. As you watch, focus on the things that are the same as the church today, but also the things that are different!







- **Say:** Because Jesus' followers worked together to actively love the people around them, something pretty awesome happened. Let's read a verse from the book of Acts to see:
- Slide: Acts 2: 47b Every day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved.
- **Ask:** So what happened? (Let kids respond.) Yep, every day, more and more people became part of God's family. They saw the church working together to show love and serve others, so other people wanted to be a part of the church too! They couldn't resist it!

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Time: 10 minutes

Video: 10-Minute Countdown

Timer

SUPPLIES

None

PREPARE

10:00

- Start the 10-Minute Countdown Timer
- Stay in one large group.

SIMON SAYS: TEAMWORK | 10 Minutes

Connect the game to the big idea: We can show waaaay more love to people when we ALL work together and do it. We get a lot more done that way! Let's play Simon Says, but everything I tell you to do will involve working together!

- Play this game like typical "Simon Says". The leader gives kids a command like "Simon Says....", and if the leader says 'Simon Says', the kids HAVE to do it. If the leader does NOT say 'Simon Says', the kids can NOT do the action. If they do, they're eliminated from the game!
- All the commands should have something to do with working together, NOT something you can do on your own (some of these will require more time than a normal Simon Says command, so keep an eye out and make sure everyone has time to complete the tasks).
- Commands to give:
 - Give a high five to five people
 - Stand back to back with someone
 - Hold hands in a circle with three other people
 - o Thumb wrestle someone
 - Make a big circle with EVERYONE in the room
 - Stay in the circle, but face OUTWARD
 - Have a staring contest with someone for 10 seconds
 - Now try to make that person laugh, without laughing yourself
 - Find a new person, and link arms
 - Find two new people and link arms with both of them
 - Find three new people and link arms with all of them
- Make up your own team-based commands, and remember to throw in a "non-Simon Says" command every once in a while.
- Periodically, let all the kids who are eliminated, join back in the game.

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Time: 10 minutes

Video: Take a Minute / Serve

SUPPLIES

None

PREPARE



• Stay in one group to watch the video, then split into **small groups.**

SERVE | 10 Minutes

As one whole group:

- **Say:** As we watch another video, imagine what you could do to serve someone, and show them what God's love is like.
- Video: Take a Minute / Serve

Break into small groups and discuss the video:

- So how can YOU serve others, even right now as a kid?
 - o How can you serve and love your family?
 - o How can you serve and love your friends?
 - How can you serve and love people you don't know, or even...don't like?

COOL

LARGE GROUP

SMALL GROUP

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PRESENTER TIPS

Need to "calm" kids down? Take a quick stretch break at any point during teaching! Have them stretch their arms as high as they can, give themselves a tight hug, lay down and put their feet in the air, or just take a few deep, long breaths.

THE BIG IDEA | 5 Minutes





- Play the 10-Second Countdown Timer to help direct kids attention as you begin Large Group.
- (Click to show Big Idea slide) We can show extreme love.
- **Ask:** So now the question is....how can WE show EXTREME love to the world? What can we do in our everyday lives to act like the early believers did?! And not just by telling others about it, but by DOING it?
- Say: There's something pretty cool happening next week, and it's the perfect way for you to be part of a team that goes out in the world, and shows love in BIG ways.
- **Say:** Next week, May 18-19 there will be NO Kids' Club or Crossroads services. Instead, we're all going to do <u>GO Local!</u> Has anyone ever heard of Go Local before? (Let kids respond.)
- **Say:** It's going to be an chance for us, the CHURCH, to work together, and to show extreme love to our community! Let's check out a video and see what it will be like:
- Video: Go Local
- **Say:** This is what the church looks like: people coming together and showing God's love through action. Not just by talking, but by DOING. So make sure to ask your family if you can join GO Local. You can even invite your friends to join you, even if they don't come to Crossroads!

RESPOND AND WORSHIP | 10 Minutes





- **Say:** Now we're going to give you a chance to think of *your own* ideas. Think about what you heard in the video about the early believers, and about what you saw in that GO Local video. Let's watch a music video, and as you watch, try to think of one specific way that you want to show EXTREME love this week: one way that you can show God's love through action.
- Music Video: Dance Laugh Love
- Music Video: You Are
- **Pray:** Ask somebody to ask God to help us look for opportunities to shock people with extreme love this week.



CONNECTION QUESTION

Go around the group and let every kid answer this question:

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something kind for

If you had \$1000 to do something kind for someone, what would you do?

SUPPLIES

None

Small Group Note: Part of today's activity will require you to find some space around your table to move around. IF you want to stay at your table however, let kids stay seated, but have them choose between standing up, or sitting on the floor (that way you can stay at the table).

KNOW IT | 5 minutes

- Tell me about the early church. How did they show extreme love to others?
- How can WE show love to others? What's one thing you can this week?
- How has God shown US extreme love? What has he done for us?
- Has anyone ever shown you or your family love in a special way?

DO IT | 10 Minutes

Would You Rather: Extreme Love Edition

- Play "Would You Rather" with kids, but each scenario has a specific theme: ways we can serve and love others!
- Divide your space into two sides, and point to each side when giving a scenario. Kids have to choose which scenario they would rather do, and then move to that side! (There are some "just for fun" choices sprinkled throughout as well!)
- Remind kids that ALL of these choices are great ways to love and serve others, but we're going to choose our favorite ways!
- Would You Rather...
 - Do the dishes for your whole family, OR take out their trash?
 - Let your sibling play their favorite video game first, OR let them choose their favorite TV show first?
 - o Ride an elephant, OR ride a lion?
 - Write a nice card for your friend, OR make them an artwork?
 - o Give away a toy to a friend, OR give a friend your ONLY snack at lunchtime?
 - Jump in a pool full of jelly, OR a pool full of chocolate syrup?
 - Tell someone about Jesus, OR invite them to Kids' Club?
 - o Clean up your neighborhood's trash, OR clean your sibling's messy room?
 - Pray for someone who is sick, OR give a special gift to them?
 - Own 10 pet birds, or 10 pet hamsters?
 - Stick up for a friend who is being made fun of, OR talk to someone who seems lonely?
- If kids are old enough, have THEM come up with some "Would You Rather" scenarios about serving and showing extreme love!

EXTRA TIME?

• Give kids a coloring page, maze or activity sheet to work on until their parents pick them up.

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connect questions

Big Idea: We can show extreme love. Tell me about "Acts".

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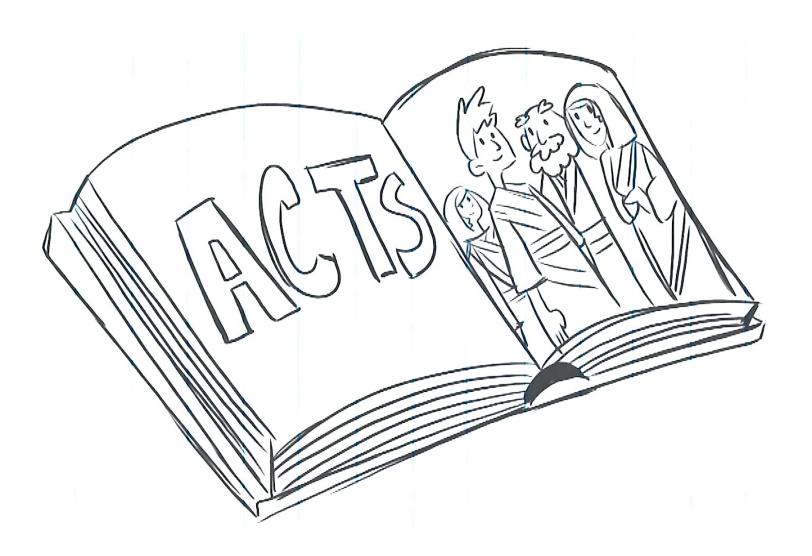
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Adventure Bible for Early Readers	1 per large group, reused	Biblesbythe Case.com	site		

GAME TIME Played in one large group					
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COOL DOWN TIME Played in small groups				
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None				

SMALL GROUP			
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Coloring sheet - Acts	Quantity determined by site.	8.5x11 paper, black & white, Page 8	site
Maze sheet - Acts	Quantity determined by site.	8.5x11 paper, black & white, Page 9	site
Word search sheet - Acts	Quantity determined by site.	8.5x11 paper, black & white, Page 10	site
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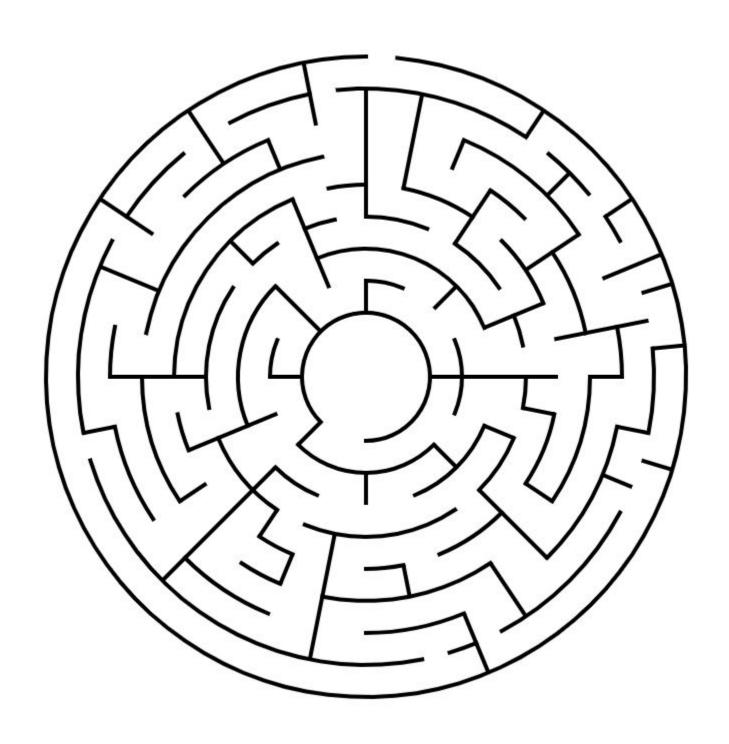
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How can the church work as a team? How can we show extreme love to others?

Read more about this story in Acts 18.

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- 1. KC Logo Slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
- 2. Slide: We can show extreme love. (Type in large, bold font so it fills up the screen)
- 3. Video: Bible Theatre / Acts: The Early Church (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rms6KePilZ8)
- 4. Slide: Acts 2: 47b Every day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved.
- 5. Video: New 10-Minute Timer ((KC/SM media videos songs>videos>countdowns)
- 6. Video: Take a Minute / Serve (https://youtu.be/ssqQas9ifbq)
- 7. Video: 10 Second Countdown insert date
- 8. Slide: We can show extreme love. (Type in large, bold font so it fills up the screen)
- 9. Video: Go Local (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l5Dnp1Y1Slo)
- 1. Music Video: Witness (https://youtu.be/wqD92xLINGs)
- 2. Extra Music Video (Optional): We Lift You Higher (https://youtu.be/pUWo2S_eYzk)