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# Action

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## BIG IDEA

Jesus shows us how to love others even when it's hard.

## KEY VERSES

Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.

*Romans 12:9–10 (NLT)*

## LEADER TIP

Emphasize that it can be easy to love people when they love us back—but sometimes loving others requires God's help! Challenge the students to love other people even when it's hard.

## 1 | Hangout

### SUPPLIES

- None

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Discuss:
  - What stood out to you from today's Life Story or God Story?
  - Who would you consider a "rock star" follower of Jesus? What is it that makes you see them that way? Which qualities or characteristics do they have?
  - Would you say this person is able to love others well even when it's difficult? Is there anyone else you know who loves others well?



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## 2 | Hear

### SUPPLIES

- Bibles

### LEADER TIP

- When the students hear and think about loving difficult people, make sure they don't take it to mean that they need to be close and remain with anyone who abuses them. You may need to help your group navigate what loving with boundaries looks like in these scenarios.

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Discuss: What do you think it looks like to love others when it's hard?
- Make sure everyone has access to a Bible.
- Guide the students to look up Luke 23:34–43.
- Explain that this is an extreme example of showing love to others even when it's hard from the life (and death) of Jesus.
- Read the passage together.
- Discuss:
  - What stands out to you regarding how Jesus responded to difficult people?
  - We're not Jesus! However, we're called to follow him. How do we do this with difficult people at school? How about when our families are difficult?
  - What (or who) challenges you the most?
  - Which strategies could you use to remind yourself about Jesus' way of responding to difficult people?

## 3 | Huddle

### SUPPLIES

- Bibles

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Invite everyone to share briefly about a difficult person in their lives.
- Pray for each member of your group and the person they described. Pray that God would help the students see these people the way he sees them.
- Look up and read Romans 12:9–10 together.
- Encourage everyone to keep these verses and today's Big Idea (**Jesus shows us how to love others even when it's hard**) in mind this week!