



## **BIG IDEA**

Jesus shows us God's never-ending love.

## **GOD STORY**

God's Love Endures Forever (Jeremiah 31-33)

## **KEY VERSE**

"I have loved you with a love that lasts forever. I have kept on loving you with a kindness that never fails." (Jeremiah 31:3b, NIRV)

# **1 | Conversation Starter**

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. To lead into today's story, chat about:
  - Have you ever experienced a day that you wished never ended? Where were you? What were you doing? Who were you with?
  - Have you ever enjoyed a meal that you wished never ended? What were you eating?
  - Can you think of anything that never ends?
- b. Introduce this week's Big Idea: **Jesus shows us God's never-ending love.**

# **2 | Watch**

## **SUPPLIES**

- Media player

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Watch this week's video from the Now Playing Kids playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.

# **3 | Discuss & Pray**

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Review the video teaching together:
  - What stood out to you in today's Life Story?
  - Who got the message in the God Story? (Jeremiah) Who did he get the message from? (God!)
  - What does it mean that God's love for us is never-ending? (It won't ever stop, no matter what we do)
  - What are some ways that you've experienced God's love for you?
  - Why do you think the Israelites didn't want to listen to Jeremiah? (They liked doing their own thing; they didn't like his message; they didn't think they were doing anything wrong)
  - What do you do when people don't listen to you?
  - How could you show God's never-ending love to other people?
- b. Pray together. Thank God for the many ways that he shows his never-ending love to us!



## 4 | Activity

### SUPPLIES

- Red and green paper strips
- Writing supplies
- Tape or stapler

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Ask the kids to write (or draw) one way they know that God loves them on each of the paper strips. Provide examples to get them started. For instance, they could write, "God loves me by being with my family" and/or draw your family members.
- Loop and tape or staple together the strips of paper to create a long chain.
- Point out that it shows how God's love just keeps on going and going. God's love for us is truly never-ending!
- Encourage the kids to watch for ways that God shows his love to them in the week ahead.

## 5 | Key Verse

### SUPPLIES

- Key Verse Actions activity page

### TIP

- If anyone in your family knows American Sign Language, invite them to teach some signs to go along with the words.

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Lead the kids to say Jeremiah 31:3 and do the following actions to go along with the words:

"I [point to self]  
have loved [cross hands over heart]  
you [point to someone]  
with a love [cross hands over heart]  
that lasts forever. [stretch arms as wide as possible]  
I [point to self]  
have kept on loving [cross hands over heart]  
you [point to someone]  
with a kindness [smile and point to your smile]  
that never [wag finger]  
fails." [thumbs down]  
Jeremiah 31:3 (NIRV) [open hands like book]

- Once everyone is familiar with the words and actions, say the verse while the kids do the actions on their own. Then prompt them to say the words as you do the actions!