



BIG IDEA

Love your neighbour as you love yourself.

GOD STORY

Love (Romans 13:8–10)

KEY VERSE

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. Then you will tell people about me...from one end of the earth to the other.”
(Acts 1:8, NIRV)

1 | Conversation Starter

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. To lead into the lesson, discuss:
 - Who are your neighbours? How well do you know them?
 - Who do you think God sees as our neighbours? For example, could the student who sits next to you at school be your neighbour?
- b. Introduce today's Big Idea: **Love your neighbour as you love yourself.**

2 | Watch

SUPPLIES

- Media player

INSTRUCTIONS

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

3 | Discuss

SUPPLIES

- None

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Review and discuss the video teaching:
 - What's the Key Verse for this series? (Acts 1:8)
 - What stood out to you in the God Story? How about the Life Story?
 - How do these stories connect with the Big Idea (**Love your neighbour as you love yourself**)?



4 | Activity

SUPPLIES

- Paper
- Writing supplies
- Challenge cards

TIP

- Emphasize that the kids are well equipped to love their neighbours!

INSTRUCTIONS

- Review your earlier conversation about who God views as our neighbours.
- Brainstorm a list of creative ways to share love with someone that don't cost any money. For example, the kids could give away an item they own or share something they have.
- Once you have a list of ideas, give each member of your family a Challenge card and something to write with.
- Challenge one another to show love to a neighbour this week using one of the ideas from your brainstorming (e.g., "I challenge you to show love by asking our neighbours across the street if they need help with their yardwork" or "I challenge you to show love by donating the toys you don't play with anymore!").
- Help the kids write their challenges on their cards.
- Place the cards in a spot where your family will be reminded to do your challenges this week.

5 | Pray

SUPPLIES

- Paper
- Writing and drawing supplies

INSTRUCTIONS

- Give each of the kids a piece of paper.
- Place the other supplies where they can be shared easily.
- Direct everyone to write the word "Home" in the middle of their paper, then circle it. Next, ask the kids to draw parallel lines under it (like a street or an apartment hallway), which go from one side of the page to the other. Finally, have them draw at least four more circles on either side of the lines to mark your neighbours' homes. Encourage them to add details and customize their maps!
- Guide the kids to fill in the names of their neighbours on their maps.
- Choose one neighbour to pray for this week. It doesn't have to be someone your family knows well—it could be "the woman across the street with the orange cat." God knows who she is!
- To wrap up, pray together. Ask God to help you **love your neighbour as you love yourself!**