



BIG IDEA

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

GOD STORY

Action (Romans 12:9–21)

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:
 - What does the word "love" make you think of?
 - Are there different kinds of love? If so, what are they?
- b. Introduce today's Big Idea: **Jesus shows us how to love others even when it's hard.**

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 from the Life Story in today's video?
 - Why does Jesus want us to love everyone?
 - How can we love others when it's difficult?
 - Does showing love to someone mean they will love us back?
 - Think back to the last few weeks—who can help us? (Holy Spirit!)



4 | Activity

SUPPLIES

- Paper
- Writing supplies

INSTRUCTIONS

- Describe three kinds of people: a best friend, a new student at school, and a bully.
- Discuss:
 - Which of these people is easiest for you to love? Why?
 - Which is hardest? Why?
- Brainstorm a list of ways to show love to each of these people.
- If your kids enjoy acting, give them a few minutes to come up with scenarios to act out based on their ideas.
- Encourage them to come up with other people they could show love to (e.g., parents, teachers, neighbours, etc.), and brainstorm more ideas.
- Challenge each of the kids to put one of their ideas into practice in the week ahead.

5 | Pray

SUPPLIES

- Paper bags
- Labels
- Paper squares
- Stickers
- Drawing supplies

INSTRUCTIONS

- Give each of the kids a paper bag, a label, and seven paper squares.
- Place the other supplies where they can be shared easily.
- Direct the kids to stick their labels onto their bags.
- Encourage them to decorate their bags. This could include descriptions or pictures showing how we can love others.
- Guide the kids to write the names of people they want to pray for on their pieces of paper. Encourage them to include at least two people they find difficult to love.
- Explain that they should pull a new name out of their bag each day this week and ask for Jesus' help to love that person.
- Try it together now! Prompt everyone to pull a name out of their bag and ask Jesus to help them love that person even when it's hard.