



BIG IDEA

Nothing can separate us from God's love.

ROMANS | LIFE | WEEK 2 OF 5

Winning

GOD STORY

God's Love

Romans 8:31-39

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)

LEADER TIP

If one of your group's regular leaders is away, take the time to help anyone who fills in become familiar with your usual routines.

My Story

1 | CONVERSATION STARTER (7 minutes)

Chat about things the students have loved and never wanted to give up. Introduce today's Big Idea.

2 | INTRO ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

Play a game in which the group tries not to laugh at funny song lyrics.

God Story | Life Story

3 | WEEKLY VIDEO (12 minutes)

Watch the video, which includes host, God Story, and Life Story segments. Recap and discuss the teaching.

My Story

4 | APPLICATION ACTIVITY (12 minutes*)

Read and discuss a series of passages that tie in with today's lesson. Write a reference and words of encouragement on a craft stick to take home.

5 | WRAP-UP ACTIVITY (10 minutes)

Form small groups and invite the students to share what they wrote on their craft sticks and pray for one another.

Our Story

6 | DISMISSAL (2 minutes)

*Extend as needed and adjust timing for other activities.



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1 | Conversation Starter

SUPPLIES

- None

LEADER TIP

- Use this quick activity to welcome everyone, build community, and set the tone for your group.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Greet the students and gather them together.
- Check in quickly to see how their week is going.
- Ask:
 - When you were younger did you have a toy or a stuffed animal that you loved so much you wanted to keep it with you forever?
 - What's something you love with all your heart now, which you never want to give up (e.g., a pet or a video game)? Why do you love it so much?
- Depending on the size of your group, have the students share their stories with the people sitting closest to them or with everyone.
- Introduce today's Big Idea: **Nothing can separate us from God's love.**

2 | Intro Activity

SUPPLIES

- Lyrics cards

INSTRUCTIONS

- Gather everyone into a circle.
- Ask a student to stand in the middle and give them a lyrics card with the funny words of a love song on it.
- Direct them to read aloud the lyrics for the rest of the group to hear.
- Let the students know that the first person to laugh is the next reader!
- Guide the group to take turns reading the lyrics.
- To wrap up, tie in the Big Idea: **Nothing can separate us from God's love.** (There's nothing funny about that!)



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God Story | Life Story

3 | Weekly Video

SUPPLIES

- Video file

LEADER TIP

- Be sensitive with anyone in your group who might be going through similar situations to the Life Story with their families.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Play the video. It includes:
 - Host segment
 - God Story (God's Love, Romans 8:31–39)
 - Life Story (After the loss of her father, Kadia and her family felt God's love from the community that served them.)
- Invite the students to give a quick recap of what happened in the God and Life Stories.
- Discuss:
 - What's the Key Verse for this series? (Acts 1:8)
 - What stood out to you in today's Life Story? How about the God Story?
 - How do these stories connect with the Big Idea (**Nothing can separate us from God's love**)?

My Story

4 | Application Activity

SUPPLIES

- Verses list
- Craft sticks
- Permanent markers
- Bibles

LEADER TIP

- Place the list of verse references in a central spot where the students can refer to it as needed.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Point out that remembering **nothing can separate us from God's love** can be difficult because of everything going on in our lives and around the world.
- Discuss: Do you find it easy to remember that God loves you? What does it mean to you that God loves you?
- Make sure everyone has access to a Bible.
- Guide the students to look up and read:
 - Psalm 36:7
 - Romans 8:35–39
 - 1 John 4:7–8
 - Matthew 19:14–15
- After reading each one, discuss: What stands out to you in this passage? How does it make you feel?
- Give each student four craft sticks and a marker.
- Direct everyone to write a verse reference on one side of each stick. On the other side, they should write something for which they're grateful or words of encouragement for themselves.
- Suggest that the students keep their sticks somewhere they'll see them often—and use them when they need to be reminded of God's love!



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5 | Wrap-Up Activity

SUPPLIES

- None

INSTRUCTIONS

- If time permits, guide the students to get into groups of two to three people.
- Encourage them to share what they wrote on their craft sticks.
- Pray that everyone in your group would be constantly reminded of the love of God!

Our Story

6 | Dismissal

SUPPLIES

- Take-home cards
- Key Verse cards

INSTRUCTIONS

- Take a few moments to pray for the students if you have not already done so.
- Remind everyone about any upcoming events or relevant announcements.
- Make sure the students have all their take-home materials.
- Ensure the adult teaching is over before dismissing the students.