

#### **BIG IDEA**

As we share God's love with others, we get to know God better.

#### **GOD STORY**

Share the Love (Ephesians 1:15–17)

#### **KEY VERSE**

We have been set free because of what Christ has done. Because he bled and died our sins have been forgiven. (Ephesians 1:7a, NIRV)

# 1 | Conversation Starter

#### **SUPPLIES**

None

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. To lead into today's teaching, discuss:
  - What's your favourite way to get to know someone? For example, do you like to hang out together, ask and answer loads of questions, play something together, or work on a group project?
  - Are there any other ways you could get to know people well?
  - What are some ways you could get to know God better?
- b. Introduce today's Big Idea: As we share God's love with others, we get to know God better.

## 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

#### **SUPPLIES**

None

#### **TIPS**

- These are some big questions! Share one or two of your own questions about or for God to get the ball rolling.
- Chat with your kids about where you could find answers to your questions and who you might ask for help.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Review and discuss:
  - What stood out to you in today's Life Story?
    How about the God Story?
  - What is today's Big Idea? (As we share God's love with others, we get to know God better.) How does it connect with the stories?
  - What questions do you have about God?
  - What questions do you have for God?
  - Do you feel as if God has ever spoken to you? If yes, what happened?
  - What are the three most important things you know about God?



# 4 | Activity

#### **SUPPLIES**

- Sharing Pocket activity page
- Sharing Pocket Card activity page
- Stickers
- Tape
- Markers
- Scissors



#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Remind everyone that as we share God's love with others, we get to know God better.
- b. Discuss: When or how could we share God's love with others?
- c. Give each of your kids both activity pages.
- d. Place the other supplies where they can be shared easily.
- e. Demonstrate how to fold a Sharing Pocket page along the dotted lines to create pockets (see sample craft photo). Use stickers or tape to hold down the corners.
- f. Help the kids create their pockets as needed.
- g. Direct them to cut out their Sharing Pocket Cards and place their cards in the pocket that matches the title.
- h. Encourage the kids to colour and decorate their Sharing Pockets.
- i. Challenge them to pull a card out of one of the pockets each day and do what it says.

# 5 | Key Verse & Pray

#### **SUPPLIES**

Key Verse sign

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Find out if anyone in your family has memorized Ephesians 1:7a over the past few weeks. Cheer for your kids' efforts!
- b. Pray, "Dear God, thank you for being our heavenly Father, for sending Jesus, your Son, and for giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit. Help us to want to share your amazing love with others, and as we do, help us to get to know you better. Help us to share your love even when it feels hard to do. In Jesus' name, amen."