

2-3 | FEB W2

Small Group (15 minutes)

Social: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

Opening Activity

Large Group (35 minutes)

Story: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

Opener

Worship

Bible Story (sections about God's Big Story are listed as optional)

Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Bible Story Review

Application Activity

Memory Verse Activity

Prayer Activity



Bible Story

The Most Important Commandment • *Matthew 22:34-40*

Bottom Line

Love God. Love others.

Monthly Memory Verse

"I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I have loved you." • John 13:34 NIV

5 min

Social

5 min

23 Social Activity | Made to Play

What You Need

- 👤 Offering Container 1
- 👤 "People Picture" Activity Page 1

What You Do:

- Welcome kids by name with a high-five or fist bump!
- Invite kids who have brought an offering to put it in the offering container.
- Explain to your group of kids that you're going to play a guessing game.
- Choose one kid to start.
- Tell the kid to pick a picture and hold it up to their forehead, facing out, so everyone else in the circle can see it, but they cannot.
- Instruct the kid to ask "yes" or "no" questions to figure out who is on their picture. (e.g., "Do I wear a uniform?" "Do I work in a school?")
- Share that the other kids can only answer "yes" or "no."
- Help the kids guess and then let the next kid have a turn with a new picture.

5 min

Bible Story Review

5 min

Hopscotch Commandments | Made to Move

What You Say:

"Great guessing, everyone! There are so many different kinds of people in the world, and they all do important jobs. [Transition] In our true story from the Bible today, Jesus is going to talk about something that's important for ALL people to do. Let's go find out what it is!"

What You Say:

"That's right! Jesus was asked which of all the 613 laws was the most important. Jesus said out of all the laws, the most important is: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love him with all your mind.' ... And the second is like it. 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself' (Matthew 22:37-39 NIV). [Bottom Line] Love God. Love others. When we love God and love others, we are doing what Jesus said is most important!"

What You Need

👤 Bible	1
👤 Cardstock	1
👤 Marker	1
👤 Floor tape	1
👤 Premade cardstock heart	1

What You Do:

Read Matthew 22:36-40 from the Bible.

- Write the numbers 1 through 10 on pieces of cardstock.
- Create a hopscotch board on the floor with the numbered pages, secured with tape.
- Tape the paper heart on the floor just above the 10th square of the hopscotch board.
- Ask the kids what they remember from the story. Remind them that Jesus was asked which of all the commandments was the most important.
- Ask: "Is it the fifth commandment? Honor your parents?" Encourage a kid to hop to the 5th square.
- Ask: "Is it the eighth commandment? Don't steal?" Encourage a kid to hop to the 8th square.
- Continue asking about a few of the commandments. (A simplified list is below.)
 - 1st: Put God first!
 - 2nd: Don't worship false gods.
 - 3rd: Honor God's name in everything you do.
 - 4th: Honor God by resting on the seventh day.
 - 5th: Honor your parents.
 - 6th: Don't murder.
 - 7th: Be faithful to your spouse.
 - 8th: Don't steal.
 - 9th: Don't lie.
 - 10th: Don't envy what others have.
- Finally, say, "Jesus said the greatest commandment of all isn't on the board. It's this one!"
- Instruct a kid to hop all the way to the end and point to the heart.
- Read the heart together: [Bottom Line] "Love God. Love others."

5 min

Application Activity

5 min

23 – Like and Subscribe | Made to Connect

What You Need

 "Like and Subscribe" Activity Page 1

What You Do:

- Give each kid two cards from the "Like and Subscribe" Activity Page.
- Explain that you are going to say some things people might do.
- If it's something that shows love to God or others, the kids are to hold up their "Like" (thumbs up) and "Subscribe" buttons.
- If it's not a loving choice, instruct the kids to turn their thumbs-up button upside-down and hold it up as a "Don't Like" (thumbs down) button.
- Read the following scenarios:
 - "This week, I will help my mom unload the groceries." (Like/Subscribe)
 - "This week, I'm going to fight with my brother over the remote." (Don't Like)
 - "This week, I will share my snack with a friend." (Like/Subscribe)
 - "This week, I will say 'thank you' to God for my food." (Like/Subscribe)
 - This week, I'm going to leave my toys out for someone else to clean up." (Don't Like)
- Talk about why each choice is loving or not.

5 min

Discussion Questions

5 min

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What You Say:

"Great job! It's easy to see which choices show love. Jesus made it simple for us. He said that if we focus on loving God and loving others, then we'll be living how He wants us to live. The best way to live is to [Bottom Line] Love God. Love others. When we follow Jesus, God sends His Holy Spirit to live inside of us, and the Spirit can nudge us with ways to show love to others. Let's try to 'Like and Subscribe' to that idea all week!"

What You Do:

Ask:

- Jesus said the most important commandment is to love God with all your heart, soul, and mind. What does it look like to love God with all

What You Need

No supplies needed

5 min

Prayer

5 min

23 – Pray and Dismiss | Made to Reflect**What You Need**

👤	Prayer jar from Week 1	1
👤	Bag of candy hearts	1
👤	Plastic spoons	Several

What To Do:

- Invite the kids to sit with you in a circle.
- Give each kid a spoon.
- Hold a spoon yourself, but put a candy heart on it.
- Start by passing your candy heart from your spoon to the spoon of the kid next to you without it falling.
- Encourage the kids to pass it to the next kid, and so on around the circle.
- Once the heart has made it all the way around, say, "Great job sharing the love! Now, let's pray."
- Ask each kid to think of one person they want to show love to this week.
- As each kid names their person, let them add a candy heart to the prayer jar.
- Close in prayer.

of who you are—not just your words, but your thoughts, choices, and feelings?

- The second most important commandment says to love your neighbor as yourself. What are some ways it might actually be hard to love yourself—or hard to love others the same way? How can God help you do both?
- Jesus simplified over 600 laws into two commands—love God and love others. Why do you think love was the foundation of everything God wanted His people to do?
- When you think about your normal day—school, friends, family—where do you think it's easiest for you to show love, and where is it hardest? What could help you love better in the hard places?
- The story says the Holy Spirit can nudge us to notice people who need love. How can you stay aware of those "nudges" during your day, and what's one practical way you could respond when you sense one?

What You Say:

"Our prayer jar is getting so full! That means we are doing one of the most important things—loving people by praying for them! Let's pray for the people we named.

"Dear God, thank You for loving us. Help us to love You back with everything we are. And help us to love the people around us, especially [name a few people the kids mentioned]. Show us how to be kind and loving this week. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Supplies

23 Social Activity | Made to Play Quantity

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| 1. | Offering Container | 1 |
| 2. | "People Picture" Activity Page | 1 |

Hopscotch Commandments | Made to Move Quantity

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| 1. | Bible | 1 |
| 2. | Cardstock | 1 |
| 3. | Marker | 1 |
| 4. | Floor tape | 1 |
| 5. | Premade cardstock heart | 1 |

23 – Like and Subscribe | Made to Connect Quantity

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| 1. | "Like and Subscribe" Activity Page | 1 |
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23 – Pray and Dismiss | Made to Reflect Quantity

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| 1. | Prayer jar from Week 1 | 1 |
| 2. | Bag of candy hearts | 1 |
| 3. | Plastic spoons | Several |