

K-1 | Feb W1

Small Group (15 minutes)

Social: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

Opening Activity - Love Draw

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

Application Activity

Memory Verse Activity

Prayer Activity



Bible Story

Jesus Teaches Nicodemus • *John 3:1-21*

Bottom Line

God loves the whole world.

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

K1 Social Activity | Made to Play

What You Need

 Offering Container	1
 "Love Draw" Activity Page	1
 Coloring supplies	Several

What You Do:

- Greet each kid by name with a fist bump, high-five, smile, or wave as they arrive!
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Give each kid a "Love Draw" Activity Page and make coloring supplies available.
- Invite the kids to circle all the things on the page that they "love."
- After a few minutes, invite the kids to share one or two of the things they circled.
- Talk about how we use the word "love" for lots of things.

Bible Story Review

5 min

Application Activity

5 min

The Whole World Ball Game | Made to Move

What You Need

 Soft playground ball	1
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What You Do:

What You Say:

"It's fun to talk about all the things we love, like pizza and playing with our friends! We use that word a lot. **[Transition]** But today, we're going to talk about a much, much bigger love. It's the greatest love in the world—God's love! Let's go!"

What You Say:

"Great teamwork! You had to work together to make sure the ball could get through everyone in our line. This game helps us remember that God's love is for everyone, everywhere! No one is left out.

"God loves people who are different from you, who live in different places, and people who do wrong things!**[Bottom Line]** God loves the whole world, and He wants His love to reach every single person.

- Encourage the kids to stand in a single file line.
- Instruct them to stand with their legs shoulder-width apart, creating a tunnel with their legs.
- Stand at the front of the line and gently roll the ball so it goes through every kid's legs.
- After the first roll, move to a different spot, maybe off to the side. Explain that the group has to move together to make sure the ball can still roll through everyone's legs—including yours!
- Roll the ball again. The kids will need to shuffle and adjust their positions as a group to create a new tunnel for the ball.
- Continue a few times, moving to different spots and challenging them to work together.

5 min

Memory Verse Activity

5 min

K1 - Memory Verse with Motions | Made to Move

What You Need

- Bibles marked at John 13:34 Several
- "Memory Verse Motions" Activity Several Page

What You Do:

- Invite the kids to form groups of 2-3.
- Give every group a Bible and direct them to look up John 13:34 using the Bible Navigation Tips.

Finding verses with kindergartners: Guide children to open their Bibles to the marked page. Point to the book name at the top of the page as you say it aloud. Then, guide children to find the big number on the page—this is the chapter number. Finally, guide them to look under the big number for the little number; this is the verse number. Tell them to leave their finger on the verse as you read it aloud. Then, lead everyone to say the verse together.

Because you and I are made in God's image—we reflect who God is to the world—we can show His love to others.

"When we're kind, we show the world God's love. When we're compassionate, we show the world God's love. Let's show everyone God's love because **[Bottom Line] God loves the whole world!**"

What You Say:

"You've got it! Jesus gives us the most important command: to love one another. Why? Because He loves us! **[Bottom Line] God loves the whole world!** God gives us the Holy Spirit to help us love one another. Jesus explained that we can't see the Holy Spirit with our eyes, but we can see what happens when we allow the Holy Spirit to change us and work through us. With the Holy Spirit, we can practice the most important command: to love one another."

Finding verses with 1st graders: Guide them to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. (Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like.) When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find the name of the book in the list. You can help by pointing out the first few letters of the book's name. When the kids find the book, lead them to look at the page number beside it. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find that book. Help the kids find the page. When they find the book, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find the right chapter. Then explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find the correct verse in that chapter

- Repeat the verse aloud several times.
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Guide the kids to put their Bibles aside and stand in a circle.
- Hold up the "Memory Verse Motions" Activity Page, and teach the kids the motions for the Memory Verse, adding one part at a time.
 - "I give you a new command. (Hold up one finger.)
 - Love one another. (Hug yourself.)
 - You must love (Make a heart with your hands.)
 - one another, (Point to friends around you.)
 - just as I (Point up to God.)
 - have loved you." (Hug yourself.)
 - John 13:34 (Open your hands like a book.)
- Practice the verse and motions together several times. Make it fun by going fast, then slow.

EveryChild Pro-Tips

- Print a few extra "Memory Verse Motions" Activity Pages to support visual learners and readers who want to follow along.

5 min

Prayer

What To Say:

"Our prayer jar has its first hearts! Let's pray for the people we named.

5 min

K1 – Pray and Dismiss | Made to Reflect

What You Need

- ☹️ Clear jar 1
- ☹️ Bag of candy hearts 1

What To Do:

- Encourage the kids to sit in a circle with you.
- Show the group the empty jar.
- Say, "Praying for people is a way to share the love of Jesus. This month, every time we pray for someone, we're going to add a heart to this jar. At the end of the month, we can see all the people we prayed for and all the love we shared!"
- Encourage each kid to think of one person they want to pray for today.
- Go around the circle, and as each kid says the name of the person they are praying for, let them drop a heart into the jar.
- Close the group in prayer.
- Store the jar in a safe place to use again next week

"Dear God, thank You that Your love is for the whole world. Thank You for loving us, and for loving [name a few of the people kids mentioned]. Help us to show Your love to everyone we meet this week. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Supplies

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