



RADICAL LOVE – “GOD WANTS ALL MY LOVE”

LESSON OVERVIEW

Revelation: God Wants All My Love

Bible Lesson: John 18:15-18, 25-27; John 21:15-19

Heart: Jesus knew that Peter was going to deny Him and He still loved him unconditionally, but Jesus wanted Peter’s unconditional love back.

Memory Verse: “He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?”
– Micah 6:8

GAME

- Musical Chairs
- 4-Corners
- Playground

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Page Team Lead for all communication of needs (supplies, parent assistance, medical, restroom breaks)
- NEVER leave the classroom without paging Team Lead
- NEVER be alone with a child – this includes one on one conversations
- NO pictures or video recording is allowed in the classroom
- Every child and serve team member MUST wear their name tag

RULES

- Respect

DECLARATION

“I am a child of God, full of His Holy Spirit. I am learning His ways. I am made to encounter and connect with Him daily. I am walking in His favor and carrying His presence wherever I go.”

CONNECT WITH GOD FOCUS

- Creation



REVELATION

SAY | Radical love is when you love God for no reason. If He never did anything for you ever again, you would still love Him? Radical love is when you love God because He is God!

Jesus tells us in Matthew 22:37-38 that the most important commandment is “...Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love Him with all your mind.”

In this series we are diving into what it means to love the Lord with all your heart, soul, and mind. In today’s Bible story you will find someone who loved God and did big things for him, but he also denied his love for Him. But this denial did not stop Jesus from loving him and wanting all of his love in return. Today you will discover why Jesus wanted all of Peter’s love, and why He wants all of your love.

Our revelation today is, God Wants All My Love

Let’s pray, Holy Spirit, we welcome you here, we don’t make room for you, but we give you the entire room. We ask you to teach us your ways so that we may know you and find your favor. Speak Lord, your servants are listening. Amen.

BIBLE LESSON

TEACHER PROMPT | If you memorize this story and this lesson, it will help you teach it in excellence and allow Holy Spirit to speak to you and through you.

BIBLE LESSON INTRO | Our Bible lesson today is found in John 18:15-18, 25-27, and John 21:15-19

Our story begins after Peter and the disciples had dinner with Jesus before He was arrested to be crucified. At this dinner Jesus told Peter, “Before the rooster crows, you will say three times that you don’t know Me!” (John 13:38b). Peter was sure that he would never deny Jesus, after all Jesus was one of his closest friends. That night Jesus was betrayed by a fellow disciple, Judas, and arrested and taken into the high priest’s court. As Peter waited outside of the courtyard a servant girl saw



Peter and asked Him, “You aren’t one of Jesus’ disciples too, are you?” but Peter said, “I am not”. Because it was cold the slaves and officials of the court were all standing around a charcoal fire to keep warm, another asked him, “You aren’t one of Jesus’ disciples too, are you?” but Peter again said, “I am not.” Yet another one asked him, “Didn’t I see you with Jesus in the garden?” and for a final time Peter said “no”. At that exact moment a rooster began to crow, and Peter remembered the words of Jesus he would deny Him.

Don’t worry, Peter’s story did not end here. God still wanted all of Peter’s love, He wasn’t going to leave Peter, in fact Jesus did the opposite. After Jesus died on the cross and arose from the grave, revealing Himself to everyone, He went and found Peter. Peter was fishing and unable to catch any fish, Jesus told him to throw his net to the other side and he did, and it filled.

When Peter and the other disciples came to land, Jesus prepared a charcoal fire, like the one Peter stood beside as he denied Jesus, for them to eat fish He had ready for them. Then Jesus asks him a very important question...

PAUSE! Picture this, Peter first met Jesus, after a long night of fishing, unable to catch anything and Jesus told him to throw the net to the other side and the net filled with fish. Jesus then asked Peter to be a ‘fisher of men’ and follow him. He followed Him and saw all the miracles, signs, and wonders, yet in one night he denied Jesus 3 times, all while standing in front of a charcoal fire.

Now Peter again finds himself; after fishing all night and not catching anything, Jesus again tells him to throw the net to the other side. He is now with a net full of fish and sitting by the same charcoal fire that he denied Jesus in front of. He is reminded of his sin. Then Jesus asks him a very important question...

“Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these others do?” In this moment you can only imagine how Peter is feeling, though he loved Jesus, his actions said



otherwise. You see, Jesus wanted all of Peter's love, even when Peter was unsure and afraid.

Peter answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." Again, Jesus asked, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord. You know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." Jesus spoke to him a third time. He asked, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" He answered, "Lord, You know all things. You know that I love You." Jesus said, "Feed My sheep."

Peter denied Jesus 3 times, and Jesus asked him 3 times "do you love Me?" Jesus' love for Peter was Radical, Jesus had no reason to continue loving him after being denied by him. But Jesus loved Peter and wanted all of Peter's love.

God wants all of your love too. God loves you radically and wants all of your love, no matter what you have done. Some of you may be feeling shame, which is like a nasty feeling you may get when you know you sinned, but shame keeps you from God, like Peter going back to his old way of life. But all you have to do is repent (turn away) from your sin and accept God's love and shame will go! Close your eyes and picture Jesus right now asking you "do you love me?" and then I want you to think about how much He loves you. He already proved His love for you by taking that sin to the cross and defeating it forever!

Our revelation today is, God Wants All My Love

TEACHER PROMPT | Ask Holy Spirit what He wants to do in this next moment. This can look like leading an altar call moment of children who have felt like they had to earn God's love or have felt the shame from sin and want to give all of their love. You can invite them up as a physical response in saying "Yes, I love you."

SALVATION + DISCUSSION



TEACHER PROMPT | This invitation to an eternity with Jesus is huge! Be sensitive to what Holy Spirit wants to do in this time. Ask Him to think through your thoughts and speak through your mouth!

SAY | God loves YOU so much that He gave his only Son that anyone who believes, in Jesus, might be saved and have everlasting life, John 3:16. God wants to be close to you. He has taken every step to be close to you. If you have never accepted Jesus into your heart, you can today! (You can invite children to raise hands, come forward, etc. have everyone repeat prayer together)

PRAYER | Father God you are Holy. Holy Spirit, we thank you for all that you teach us and that we get to know you Jesus, we thank you for laying down your life so that we can be close to you. Jesus, would you forgive us from our sins. Would you come live in our heart forever. Amen.

CELEBRATION | At TLC one of our values is Celebration. If you made this amazing decision to give your life to Jesus today, please stand up so we can CELEBRATE YOU! Let's Celebrate our friends who gave their life to Jesus today! WOOHOO!!

NOTE | List names of any child that received Jesus today on the Feedback Sheet

ASK | Encourage children to participate by answering the below questions:

- + What did Holy Spirit highlight to you in this story today?
- + How do you think you would react in this situation if you were there?
- + What is our memory verse?
- + What was our revelation?
- + What was our Bible Lesson about?

BENEDICTION PRAYER

"Teach us your ways that we may know you and find your favor." – Exodus 33:13



BIBLE TRIVIA

1. What was our memory verse?

("He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8)

2. What was our revelation?

(God wants all my love)

3. What was our Bible Story about?

(Peter denied Jesus 3 times and Jesus asked Peter 3 times if he loved him)

4. What kind of fire was Peter by when he denied Jesus, and what kind of fire did Jesus make to prepare food for Peter?

(A charcoal fire.)

5. Peter met Jesus while doing what?

(Fishing)

6. When the servants asked if Peter was one of the disciples, what did he say?

(He was not.)

TEACHER PROMPT | Fill in the blank with the number of salvations: _____

Your name and classroom name: _____

Feedback: _____

[illegible]

Celebrations: _____
