

“Be Different” - LESSON 2

“Love Others”

Main Focus:

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Power Verse:

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- Romans 12:9a



Whatchagaddaknow:

“If I Love God, Then I’ll Love You!”

LEADER’S INFO

The Parable of the Good Samaritan is one of the most famous of all the parables Jesus taught. It is where we get a common saying in our society - “Be a Good Samaritan.” However, is that saying something we live by?

Too often, as Christians, we come up with excuses for why we can’t show love to those in need. “I’m too busy.” “I don’t have enough for myself.” “I don’t know what to do to help that person.”

These are just some of the excuses we use for why we can’t show love and compassion to those around who are in need.

In this lesson, the children will learn that if we don’t show love to others, we are not fulfilling our duty as followers of Jesus. If we truly want to “Be Different” than the world, we must love others.



“The Spark” Intro Video

“Who Do You Love?”



“Whatchagaddaknow” Video

Dylan teaches “Whatchagaddaknow”



Character Skit

“Inspector Change-A-Lot”



Offering Time



Game Time!

“Kleenex Kleenout”



Bible Story

“The Good Samaritan”



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Call To Action

“Love Others”



Rewind!

Review Game



Small Group Experience

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Lesson 2 Materials Needed:

“The Spark” Intro Video

- “Lesson 2 - The Spark” Intro Video

“Whatchagaddaknow” Video

- “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video

- “Whatchagaddaknow” Trigger Video

Character Skit

- “Inspector Change-A-Lot” Theme Graphic/Music

Offering Time

- “Offering Time” Bumper Video

Game Time!

- “Game Time!” Bumper Video

- “Kleenex Kleenout” Graphic

- Two Boxes Of Kleenex

Bible Story

- “The Good Samaritan” Graphics

Power Verse Video

- “Lesson 2 Power Verse” Video

Call To Action

- “Love Others” Graphics

- Two Small Boxes With Lids

- A Candy Bar

- A Rock

Rewind!

- “REWIND!” Bumper Video

- “REWIND!” Lesson 2 Graphics

Small Group Experience

- Priest/Levite/Samaritan Print Piece

- Pencils, Crayons, Or Markers

- Power Verse Print Pieces

- Large Envelope

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Introduction to “The Spark” Intro Video

Leader: Hey, kids! Today we’re continuing our series called “BE DIFFERENT!” It’s all about how Christians are supposed to live lives that are very different than the rest of the world.

I want to share something with you. My favorite dessert is _____. I LOVE _____. How many of you love _____? *(allow response)* Ahhh, a few more people love _____ like I do. How about the rest of you? What dessert do you LOVE? *(allow a few children to respond)*

You know, we use the word “LOVE” to describe how we feel about something we eat. “Love” really isn’t the right word. “LOVE” is a word that is super important. The way we feel about dessert is not really that important when you think about it. The way we feel about God and other people - now that is important!

That’s what we are going to learn about in today’s lesson. But first, I want to check out this video...

(play “The Spark - Intro Video Lesson 2”)

Leader: Wow! LOVE is super important. Loving others is super important! The problem is - loving others doesn’t always come easy. Love is something that we have to choose to express. It’s a choice we have to make every single day - to love others!

We will learn all about that today. Through our Bible Story, we will learn what love in action really looks like.

Right now, it’s time to find out “Whatchagaddaknow.”

(play “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video)



CHARACTER SKIT

Character: “Inspector Change-A-Lot” *(They are a wacky person who loves to invent things! Dressed like an old-timey detective, they should come in each week ready to feature their latest invention or tool that can be debunked with a simple solution.)*

Inspector: *(Enters wearing a stethoscope and singing a made-up song about loving others)*

Leader: Well, hello, Inspector! That’s a nice little song, and you have a great voice as well.

Inspector: Why, thank you! Did you know Jesus taught a lot about love?

Leader: That’s right, Inspector. What’s that you have around your neck? It looks like a stethoscope?

Inspector: Oh, it’s much more than a simple stethoscope.

Leader: What is it then?

Inspector: It is actually a love detector! This is what I call the “Love-O-Meter-Checker-Scope.”

Leader: Oh really? How does the “Love-O-Meter-Checker-Scope” work?

Inspector: I place this round part on your heart. If love is detected, it makes me laugh! If love is lacking, it makes me cry! It’s very exhausting.

Leader: Have you tested this device?

Inspector: Yes! I tested this on my dog last night. I laughed and cried. My dog has a love for food and parks with large fields, but he has a great dislike for cats!

Leader: So, I will be the first human to do this? That makes me nervous! *(To the kids)* Should I do this? *(Allow kids to respond)* I guess it could be fun... *(Walks towards the Inspector)* What do I do?

Inspector: Not much. I place this on your heart, and you wait for my reaction. That’s all.

Leader: Let’s do this!

Inspector: *(Places the stethoscope on the leader’s elbow. Inspector begins to cry)* I’m not detecting ANYTHING! You have NO LOVE at all!

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CHARACTER SKIT *(Continued)*

Leader: *(Pulls away)* Wait a minute! That thing was not even near my heart!

Inspector: Was it not? Oops! Let me try again. *(Places it over the leader's heart. Inspector begins to chuckle and gradually laughs harder)*

Leader: *(Pulling away)* What is going on?

Inspector: You are so full of love! I don't see how you have room for all this love! I was overwhelmed. Let me try the kids. *(Points the stethoscope toward the kids and laughs hard)* Oh my! I can't breathe. *(Catching his breath)* There is so much love in this room! What is going on?!

Leader: It's because we love God so much! Right, kids? *(Allow kids to respond)* If we don't have a growing love for God, then it will be hard to love others - especially those who are against us. We are here to show God's love!

Inspector: That is certainly true as I have just demonstrated by the one and only “Love-O-Meter-Checker-Scope.” SUCCESS!

Leader: We don't need a “Love-O-Meter-Checker-Scope” to see this love, Inspector. This love is very obvious and powerful! There are some things we have to do for this love to occur. This is what we are learning today!

Inspector: Incredible! A valuable lesson to learn, indeed, but I will continue with my invention!

Leader: What will you do next?

Inspector: I need to check that cat to see how he feels about my dog! Well, off I go. It was fun, but I have a lot of inspecting to do! I am Inspector Change-A-Lot, and I'll be back to inspect your transformation, so be ready!

(EXITS WHILE THEME MUSIC PLAYS)



GAME TIME

“Kleenex Kleenout”

Items Needed For Game:

Two boxes of Kleenex

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Preparation:

Choose two boys and two girls to play this game

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How To Play:

Have the players choose one team member to hold the Kleenex box and the other to be the “Kleener.” When you say, “Go!”, the “Kleeners” will each open their Kleenex box and begin pulling the Kleenexes out (*sending them flying everywhere*). The first team to “kleenout” their Kleenex box wins!



Bible Story

“The Good Samaritan”

Materials Needed:

The graphic slides for Lesson 2; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

Preparation:

Familiarize yourself with the story in Luke 10:30-37; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

The Story:

Today’s Bible Story is found in Luke chapter 10. It’s a story Jesus told about a man who was traveling from a far away city and was suddenly attacked by a group of thieves. (*show pic*) The thieves took everything he had, and then they beat him up and left him lying half-dead by the side of the road. As he lay there in pain and misery, the man heard hoofbeats. “Ah! Someone is coming!” he thought. “I hope it is someone who will help me! I hope it isn’t one of the same men who beat me up, coming back to find out if I am dead.”



It happened to be a priest who came by, (*show pic*) but when he saw the man lying beside the road, he decided to take a different road because he was in a hurry and didn’t want to be bothered. The poor man was certainly glad that it wasn’t one of the robbers, but he surely wished **SOMEBODY** would come along to help him.



After a little while, he heard hoofbeats again. “Maybe this person will see me and help me,” he thought anxiously. (*show pic*) This time, the man who passed by was a Levite, a well-known teacher in the temple. **SURELY HE** would show love to the poor man. But when he saw the man lying on the side of the road, he looked down and continued on, ignoring the poor, hurting man.



It wasn’t long until the man heard **ANOTHER** set of hoofbeats. The man who was traveling down the road this time was a Samaritan, a stranger from the country of Samaria. Nobody ever liked people from Samaria. It wasn’t very likely that this Samaritan would want to help. (*show pic*) However, as he passed by, he felt compassion for the man and wanted to help. He got off his donkey and bent down next to the man to get a closer look at his wounds. Gently, he wrapped bandages around the sores, carefully put the man on his donkey, and took him to the nearest hotel. He even payed the hotel manager to allow the man to stay there until he got well.



Did you notice that the people who were **SUPPOSED** to show love (the priest and the Levite) did not? But the person who was supposed to be the man’s enemy (the Samaritan) was the one who stopped and helped? The Samaritan showed **LOVE** when those who claimed to follow God did not.

In your lesson today, you are going to learn that if you love God, you must also love others. These are the two greatest commands. We must **LOVE** - no matter what!



Call To Action **“Love Others”**

Materials Needed:

The “Love Others” graphics; two small boxes with lids; a candy bar; a rock

Preparation:

Begin with the slide titled, “Love Others”; put the candy bar inside one of the boxes and close the lid, then write the words “Dirty Rock” on it; put the rock inside one of the boxes and close the lid, then write the words “Yummy Candy Bar” on it

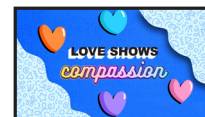


The Message: *(title slide)*

Before we get into the lesson, I want to see if you can help me with something.

(hold up the two boxes) I have two boxes here. One of them has a “yummy candy bar” in it *(hold up the box labeled “yummy candy bar”)* and the other one has a “dirty rock” in it *(hold up the box labeled “dirty rock”)*. So, I am just wondering, if you had a chance to choose which one of these you could have for yourself, which one would you pick? *(allow response, if someone shouts, “Candy Bar” then have them come up to the stage and give them the box that says “Yummy Candy Bar.” When they open it, they will find out it has the rock in it.)* Oh no! It looks like that box didn’t have a candy bar in it at all. Let’s look at the other box. *(open the box labeled “Dirty Rock” to reveal that it actually held the candy bar)* Well, that stinks! The words on the outside of the box told us it had one thing in it. But, it looks like those words didn’t matter, huh? What mattered was what was really inside. *(since the child is probably pretty sad, go ahead and give them the candy bar anyway, then be seated)*

Did you know that many Christians are like that box? The words they say are all well and good. They say, “I love others!” on the outside, but those words don’t really matter when their actions show otherwise. Romans chapter 12 teaches us all about this. It says, “Don’t just pretend to love others. Really love them.” Words don’t mean anything if our actions don’t match up with our words. You see...



Love Shows Compassion *(slide)*

Compassion is a feeling you have for a person in need. Compassion says, “I WANT to help that person.” When you see a person who is hurting or in need, you must have a heart that feels compassion for them. If it doesn’t move your heart when you see the homeless on the side of the road, the kid who has no friends, or the child who can’t afford nice clothes, then you should pray that God changes you. A true Christian should be moved with compassion when they see someone in need.

Compassion is great, but it’s not enough. It’s not enough to just “feel” for the person in need. Instead, the compassion you feel should move you to the next step in how to “love others”...

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Call To Action *(Continued)*

Love Takes Action *(slide)*



If you want to “Be Different”, then you have to do more than just have feelings of compassion toward those in need. After all, if compassion never leads to action, the person in need is never really helped, are they? What if the Samaritan had stopped at the compassion step? He would have felt bad for the man in need but then kept right on walking. If that had happened, the man would have still been left hurting.

Instead, the Samaritan allowed that compassion to move him to action. He stopped and did something to help the man who was hurting. We must do the same thing. It is not good enough to simply feel bad when you see someone in need. You must allow that feeling to turn in to action. **DO** something for the person in need.

If you truly want to “Be Different” and “love others”, then you will show compassion, take action, and...

Love Makes A Sacrifice *(slide)*



The “Good Samaritan” didn’t just do SOMETHING, he went above and beyond. He bandaged the man’s wounds, put him up in a hotel, and paid the bill for the man until he got well. No doubt that cost him a lot of money. But he was willing to do whatever it took to truly show God’s love to the man.

You know, Jesus did the same for you and me. He sacrificed everything - including His own life - to save us from our sin. We should follow His example and be willing to do whatever it takes to help those around us who are in need. Whether it is the new kid at school, the next-door neighbor who doesn’t have enough food for his lunch, or the homeless person on the side of the road, we must be willing to help whoever we see in need.

In order to “love others”, you must have compassion for the hurting, be moved to action, and be willing to make a sacrifice. So, do you truly “love others?” As we learned today, “If I love God, then I’ll love you!”

ALTAR RESPONSE: *(play soft music)*

Pray with the children that God will use them to show God’s love to those around them. Pray that their compassion will move them to action and that they will be willing to sacrifice whatever it takes to truly show love to others.

**Materials Needed:**

“REWIND!” Lesson 2 Graphics; “REWIND!” Bumper Video

Preparation:

Play the “REWIND!” Bumper Video; Begin with the slide titled “REWIND!”; there is a slide for each question

1. Whatchagaddaknow today?

Answer: “If I Love God, Then I’ll Love You!”

2. What happened to the man in today’s Bible Story as he was traveling down the road?

Answer: He Was Beaten And Robbed

3. How many people passed by and didn’t help the man?

Answer: Two

4. Who stopped to help the man?

Answer: A Samaritan

5. Who paid for the hotel room the man stayed in?

Answer: The Samaritan

6. Did the Levite and the priest truly show love to the man who was hurt?

Answer: No

7. According to our lesson today, “Love Has _____.”

Answer: Compassion

8. According to our lesson today, “Love Takes _____.”

Answer: Action

9. According to our lesson today, “Love Makes A _____.”

Answer: Sacrifice

10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: Romans 12:9a