

Today's Suggested Schedule—February 2026, Week 1

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

Bottom Line: God loves the whole world.

Conversation Starter: Where have you seen God's love?

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

SLIDE: Theme

Host enters with high energy

WELCOME

Host has lots of energy as he or she welcomes everyone to [Name of Environment]. Host is relatable and inviting. Host can talk about something that happened culturally throughout the week like a big sports game, movie opening, a viral video on YouTube, etc. Host tells them how excited he or she is that they're there and briefly runs through what they can expect. This is especially helpful for first-time guests to make them feel like they know what's happening.

OPENER

HOST: "Hey, everyone! Welcome to another awesome day here at [environment name]. I'm so glad you're here! Go ahead and give someone near you a fist bump and say, 'I'm glad you're here!'"

"This month, we're diving into a brand-new series about how much God loves us, and how we can share that love with everyone we meet. It's called 'Like and Subscribe'—because when you come across a really cool channel or video, you don't want to miss it ... and you want to let other people know all about it too!

"Think about how easy it is to share stuff online, a video, a picture, even a meme, with just one tap. Online and in our day-to-day lives, we can start living in and sharing Jesus' love! The love that makes people feel seen, valued, and cared for.

"Today's Bottom Line says it all.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "God loves the whole world."

"And that means God's love isn't just for us, it's for everyone! That means God's love isn't limited! Not to one group, one country, one family, or one person. He loves everyone.

WORSHIP

LEADER: “Hi, everyone! Let’s go ahead and stand up! You know, this month we’re talking about sharing God’s love with the world, and when you’ve experienced that kind of love, you *can’t contain it!* This song reminds us that God’s love fills us up so much that it overflows into everything we do. So let’s focus on God and His love for us today. Let me hear you sing!

SONG: “*That’s Who I Praise*”.

“This whole month, we’re learning how to *share the love of Jesus* with the people around us. When we understand how much God loves us, it changes the way we treat others, talk to others, and live every single day.”

“This month’s Memory Verse is John 13:34! I’ll read it, and then we can say it together.

SLIDE: *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.

“Let’s say it together!”

LEADER: *“I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I have loved you” — John 13:34.*

LEADER: “Great job, everyone! This verse reminds us that Jesus didn’t just tell us to love people, He *showed* us how. He gave His time, His compassion, and ultimately His life because of how much He loves us.

“That’s what today’s true story from the Bible is all about. We’re going to meet a man named Nicodemus who had a conversation with Jesus that helped him understand just how big God’s love really is.”

VIDEO: *So and So Show*

LANDING

COMMUNICATOR: “This whole conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus shows us lots of things that are incredible—one is Jesus’ description of being born again.

“When Jesus was explaining what it means to be born again, He was describing the kind of new life that only God can give, one filled with His Spirit, one that starts a friendship with Him. So, when you say yes to Jesus, you’re not just believing in Him; you’re choosing to start fresh. You’re stepping into a new life where His Spirit fills you and His light can shine through you.

“And something else amazing that came out of that conversation. This offer of a new start is for the whole world! Anyone can experience it. God’s love is for *everyone*. For Nicodemus. For me. For you. For your friends at school. For people who live on the other side of the world. For every single person, in every single place.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

“That’s our Bottom Line for today: **[Bottom Line] God loves the whole world.**

“And because God loves the whole world, we get to share it wherever we go.

“The first step to sharing that love with other people is living in it yourself. God’s love and goodness will fill your heart, and then it will spill out onto other people.

“Before we head to small groups, I want to leave you with one last question to think about, that’s about living in God’s love.

SLIDE: Conversation Starter

[Conversation Starter] “Where have you seen God’s love?”

“Recognizing ways you’ve seen God’s love will help you do those things yourself. It can help you see God and give you ideas on how to share His love!

“Maybe someone forgave you when you did something wrong against them, and you can know that other people see God’s love when you show forgiveness to someone.

“Maybe you saw God’s love when someone helped you, and you can know that other people see God’s love when you help someone.

“One of the key parts of following God is living in His love so much that you spread it. You’ve been forgiven so much that you forgive. You’ve been given grace so much that you give grace. We’re just spreading what we received from God! We’ll talk about that more in our Small Groups.

“So, think about that as you head to Small Group. ‘Where have you seen God’s love?’

“What are those specific moments or experiences that helped you see God’s love more clearly?”

PRAYER

COMMUNICATOR: “Let’s talk to the God who loves you so much He gave His life to be close to you.

“God, thank You so much for loving the whole world, and for loving us. Thank You for sending Jesus to show us what real love looks like. We’re so grateful that You give us the chance to be born again, to start new, to live in Your light, and to walk in Your love every single day. Help us see Your love this week, in the people around us, in the ways You take care of us, and in the opportunities You give us to help others. And when we see it, help us share it. We love You, and we thank You for always being with us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.

After prayer, Communicator dismisses kids to Small Group.

SLIDE: Theme