

Today's Suggested Schedule—February 2026, Week 2

Bible Story: The Most Important Commandment • *Matthew 22:34-40 (supporting: Exodus 20:1-21)*

Bottom Line: Love God. Love others.

Conversation Starter: How have others shown love to you?

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

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.

HOST: "Hey, everyone! Welcome to another awesome day here at [environment name]! I'm so glad you're here. Turn to someone next to you, give them a high five, and say, *'I'm glad you are here!'*"

"This month, we're continuing our series 'Like and Subscribe: Share the Love of Jesus.' When you're watching someone online that's awesome, you 'like' it, and you 'subscribe' to it because you don't want to miss one episode of awesomeness! And you also share it because you want your friends and family to experience it too!

"This month we're talking about the great, great love of God! That's definitely something you don't want to miss an ounce of, and you definitely want to share it!

"Today, we're going to see what Jesus said matters most: loving God with everything we are, and loving the people around us. Because real love changes how we treat people, how we speak, and how we work together.

"Today's Bottom Line says it all.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

"We can love God with all our hearts, and love others! This love is for everyone. It's for your family, your friends, the people you like, and even the ones you don't always get along with. Because when we share God's love, we show others how much God loves them too.

WORSHIP

LEADER: "Today, we're going to start with a song that celebrates what happens when we experience God's love for real. It's a love so powerful that you just *can't contain it!* Let's sing this together and show

God how thankful we are for His love. When we really understand how much God loves us, it changes how we treat others. We don't just keep that love to ourselves; we share it. Because that's what Jesus told us to do: love God and love others.

SONG: *"That's Who I Praise"*

"Let's take a moment to look at our Memory Verse for this month. It reminds us exactly what Jesus told His followers about love. Jesus didn't just suggest that we love each other, He *commanded* it. He wanted His followers—and that includes us—to show the world what His love looks like. The way we treat people, the way we forgive, the way we serve, it all points back to Him.

"This month's Memory Verse is John 13:34! Jesus said these words to us! I'll read them, and then we can say them 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!

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

"Keep this verse in your heart this week. Maybe write it somewhere you'll see it, or set a reminder on your phone to read it once a day. Every time you do, ask God to help you love like He does."

BIBLE STORY

VIDEO: *So and So Show*

LEADER: "So if you ever wonder, 'What does God want from me?' Remember this moment. You don't have to keep track of 613 laws to stay close to Him. Jesus already made it clear."

Hold up the two scrolls—the "Love God" and "Love others" scrolls. Show the kids the writing. (Be sure you are holding them up in the correct order.)

[Bottom Line] "Love God. Love others."

"When you do those two things, you're living the way God designed you to live. You're showing the world what His love looks like. That's how we share the love of Jesus.

"Before we head to small groups, I want to leave you with one last question to think about."

SLIDE: *Conversation Starter*

[Conversation Starter] “How have others shown love to you?”

“Maybe it was when someone forgave you after you messed up. Maybe it was when someone listened to you, encouraged you, or helped you when you needed it most. Maybe it was when someone prayed for you, included you, or showed up when you didn’t expect them to.”

“However it happened, that moment was a reminder that God’s love is real, and that He shows His love through the people around us. And that’s a little key to help you see how you can show God’s love to others this week.

“So think about that as you head to small group today. How have others shown love to you? What are some of those specific moments or experiences that helped you see God’s love more clearly? And how could remembering those moments help you share God’s love with others this week?”

PRAYER

COMMUNICATOR: “Let’s pray.”

“God, thank You for loving us first. Thank You for sending Jesus to show us what perfect love looks like. Help us to love You with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love others the way You love us. Give us the courage to show kindness, forgiveness, and compassion even when it’s hard. We want to live the way Jesus taught us to. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

After prayer, Communicator dismisses kids to Small Group.

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