

K-3rd

Large Group

February — Week 2

Large Group Leader Guide

Today's Suggested Schedule

Kids arrival : 9:25 / 11:10

Play high-pitch music as kids arrive

Countdown : 9:30 / 11:15

Start the countdown with excitement!

Large Group : 9:30-9:55 / 11:15-11:40

→ Opener

→ Bible Story

→ Talk It Out!

→ Memory Verse

→ Prayer

Transition to Small group : 9:55-10:00
/11:40-11:45

Kids move with their leader to small groups

Small group : 10:00-10:25 / 11:45-12:10

Creating a safe place to connect.

✦ Need activities for a K-5th group? Check out the 2nd-3rd guide.

THIS MONTH



Today's Bible Story

The Most Important Commandment Matthew 22:34-40

(supporting: Exodus 20:1-21)

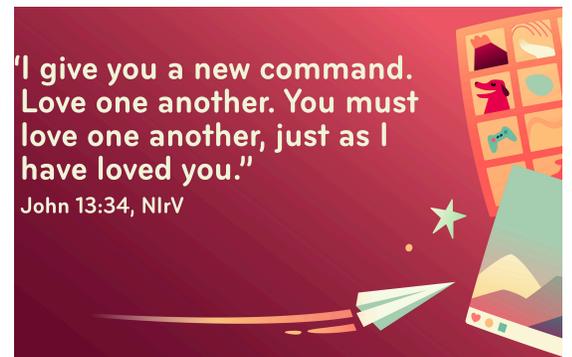
Bottom Line

Love God. Love others.

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, NIRV



10 MINUTES

OPENER

① Opener

AUDIO → Play high-energy music as kids enter.
SLIDE → Theme

→ Host enters.

Optional Video → Countdown
Optional Video → Theme Intro

OPENER

HOST: "Hey, everyone! I'm so happy you came today!"

"This month we're doing a theme called 'Like and Subscribe.' Because when you find something online that you think is awesome and you just want to share it, you 'like' it and you 'subscribe' so you don't miss a single episode. This month, we're learning about God's great love—you want to tune in to that and share it with others too!"

"So all month long, we're talking about something really special—love!"

"Now, when I say love, I don't just mean hearts and hugs, I mean the kind of love that changes the world! It's the kind of love that Jesus talked about when He said the two most important things we can ever do are to love God and love others."

"That's our Bottom Line today: [Bottom Line] Love God. Love others."

"And to help us remember that, we're going to play a game called ... 'Share the Love!'"

SLIDE → Game_Share the Love! Title

10 MINUTES

OPENER

SLIDE → Game_Share the Love! Title

“Here’s how it works: Let’s make one big circle, and spread out so everyone can see each other.

“In this game, we have **two big hearts**. (Show the hearts.)

“This one says **‘LOVE GOD.’**”

And this one says **‘LOVE OTHERS.’**”

“When the music starts, we’re going to pass these hearts around the circle, only using our elbows! Got it? No hands!

“When the music stops, whoever is holding a heart will tell us one way they can show love!

“If you have the ‘LOVE GOD’ heart, you’ll tell us one way you love God.

HOST: “All right! Let’s share the love! Music, please!”

AUDIO: Upbeat music

“Keep those hearts moving! Don’t drop them, love never stops!”

Stop the music randomly.

“Freeze! If you’re holding a heart, lift it high!

“Let’s start with our ‘LOVE GOD’ heart. What is one way you love God?”

Pause as the kid answers. (Could be something like: “Pray.” “Sing.” “Obey.”)

“Awesome! Now, who has the ‘LOVE OTHERS’ heart? How can you show God’s love to someone else?”

Pause as the kid answers. (Could be something like: “Help my mom” or “Be kind to my friends.”) Praise their response.

“Perfect! That’s what sharing love looks like. Let’s go again!”

Play multiple rounds if time allows.

10 MINUTES

Story

③ Bible Story

SLIDE -> Story Lab W2

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

“When Jesus said, ‘Love God and love others,’ He wasn’t saying figure out how to do that on your own. It’s not always an easy thing to do. But He does want to help us with this every day!

“When you wake up and thank Him for the day, you’re loving God.

“When you sing to Him in worship, you’re loving God.

“When you obey what His Word says, you’re loving God.

“And we can love others by thinking what our wonderful, kind, and good God would do, and doing that.

“When you share your snack at lunch, you’re loving others.

“When you sit with a kid who’s alone, you’re loving others.

“When you forgive your brother or sister, even when it’s hard, you’re loving others.

“When loving God and loving others are at the center, everything else gets lifted.

“That’s how our lives can look too.

“When we keep love at the center, everything we do—every word we say, every choice we make—shows the world what Jesus is like.”

SLIDE -> Bottom Line

“So remember:

[Bottom Line] Love God. Love others.

“And keep sharing the love of God everywhere you go!”

SLIDE -> Memory Verse

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 MINUTES

TALK IT OUT



Now, before we move on, I have a question for you... (lean in and whisper) do you know what time it is?

It's time to... (pause, cup your hand to your ear) **TALK IT OUT!**

That means it's your turn to do the talking! You get to share your thoughts, ask questions, and see how this story connects to YOUR life.

So, let's put on our 'thinking caps' ... zip up our listening ears... and get ready to Talk. It. Out!"

SLIDE -> Talk It Out

Talk It Out Questions

- Where did Jesus travel to celebrate Passover near the end of his time?
(Jerusalem)
- Why did the Pharisees ask Jesus, "Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar?"
(They wanted to trick Him and see if He would get in trouble.)
- What did Jesus answer the question, "Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar?"
(Jesus said, "Whose picture is on this coin? Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God.")
- The Pharisees asked Jesus, "Which is the most important commandment in the law?"
(Love God with everything you have and Love Others as yourself!)

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5 MINUTES

Prayer

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“Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to simplify everything. Thank You Jesus, for teaching us so simply to love You and others. Please help us live this out this week. Please help us to love You with our whole hearts, and with Your love, to love others so well. Help us sense Your presence guiding us this week. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Transition → Dismiss kids to their small groups.
AUDIO -> Play high-energy music as the kids exit.
SLIDE -> Theme
Optional Video (MEDIA PACKAGE) → Theme Loop