

K-3rd

Large Group

February — Week 1

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



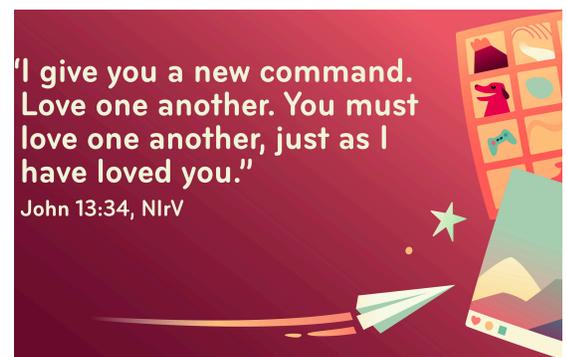
Today's Bible Story

Jesus Teaches Nicodemus
John 3:1-21

Bottom Line

God loves the whole world.

Memory Verse



Inclusive Pro Tips

Loud sounds, bright lights, and large groups can be overwhelming or overstimulating for some children. To create a more inclusive large group experience, consider offering adaptive tools like noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, sensory-friendly items, or access to modified spaces.

10 MINUTES

OPENER

① Opener

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

→ Host enters.

Optional Video → Countdown
Optional Video → Theme Intro

HOST: “Hey, everybody! Welcome to another awesome day here at [your environment’s name]! We’re starting a new month, and that means a new theme! This month, we’ve got a super-fun theme, ‘Like and Subscribe: Share the Love of Jesus!’

“This brand-new series is about how 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!

“Now, before we get to today’s true story from the Bible about God’s great love, I’ve got a challenge for you that’s totally on theme. We’re calling it ... #CaptionThat LIVE!

SLIDE → Game_#CaptionThat LIVE! Title

“Have any of you ever seen a picture online with a funny caption underneath it? Typically, someone will post a picture, and then say something like, ‘Livin’ the life ... beach vibes J’

“Well, today you’re going to get to create your own captions, and we will give you the pictures!”

“Here’s how this works: I’ll show you a picture up on the screen. Your team will have 30 seconds to come up with the funniest, most creative, or most meaningful caption for that picture.

“It could be a sentence, a short phrase, or even a hashtag or an emoji! Each team will write their caption on their board. When time’s up, I’ll call on each team to share what they came up with, and the rest of you will cheer for your favorite caption.

“The loudest cheer wins that round!

10 MINUTES

OPENER

SLIDE → Game_#CaptionThat LIVE! Title

Choose eight volunteers from the kids whose hands are raised and 4 leaders. Create four teams of two kids and one leader. Give each team a small board.

“Everybody ready? All right! Let’s put our first picture on the screen!”

SLIDE → #CaptionThatLive!1(Dog wearing sunglasses)

“You’ve got 30 seconds ... go!”

Optional Video → Countdown_30 Seconds

“3 ... 2 ... 1 ... markers down! Okay, Team 1(Kinder), what’s your caption?”

Team 1 shares.

“Team 2?”

Team 2 shares.

“Team 3?”

Team 3 shares.

“Team 4?”

Team 4 shares.

“All right, let’s see who had the best caption! If you liked Team 1, give it up!

Encourage applause for each team.

“And the round goes to ... Team [#]!”

“Okay, next slide, let’s go!”

SLIDE: #CaptionThat LIVE! 2 (Funny-looking bird)

Play 30 seconds of music, repeat the same process.

Continue with more slides **if time allows:**

SLIDE: #CaptionThat LIVE! 3 (Dinosaur working out)

SLIDE: #CaptionThat LIVE! 4 (Jonah in the fish)

SLIDE: #CaptionThat LIVE! 5 (Moses parting the Red Sea)

SLIDE: #CaptionThat LIVE! 6 (Pancakes and waffles)

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OPENER

HOST: “You guys are amazing at this! Those captions were awesome, and some were hilarious!

“But you know what’s cool about captions? They always share a message. Sometimes that message is funny ... sometimes it’s thoughtful ... and sometimes, it’s something that can inspire people. That’s what we’re learning about this month. We can share messages of hope, kindness, and love because God loves the whole world.

“Today’s true story from the Bible is all about someone who found out just how deep that love goes.”

10 MINUTES

Story

③ Bible Story

SLIDE -> Story Lab W1

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “Nicodemus thought Jesus might be a good teacher, but he didn’t realize that Jesus was so much more.

“In Nicodemus’ conversation with Jesus, we learn something so, so important.

“[Bottom Line] God loves the whole world.

“That means every person, everywhere, always.

“God’s love is so big that He sent Jesus to show us what that love looks like. He sent Jesus to give His life, to pay for our sins, so anyone who believes in Him can be His friend forever.

“When we believe in Jesus and follow Him, we can have a brand-new kind of life, one that lasts forever and shines with His light because His Spirit lives within us.

Give each child a glow stick. Now hold up your glowing stick and ask the kids to show theirs.

“Do you see my glow stick? Do you see yours too? Before we cracked them, they didn’t shine at all.

Okay—everyone, crack your glow stick!

Wow! What do you see now?

Once the light started, it glowed bright so everyone could see!”

“That’s what happens when we say yes to Jesus.

“When you do, God’s Spirit fills your heart, and His love shines through you like this light.

“The Spirit inside of you will start to change you! You start to care more. You start to forgive faster. You start to love people the way Jesus loves you. Because God’s Spirit is inside of you, and He helps you do all of those things. He’s Jesus’ very Spirit, and He helps you do what Jesus would do!

“And guess what? That light doesn’t just stay with you—it shines on the rest of the world too!

“Every time you’re kind, every time you help, every time you choose to do what’s right, you’re shining God’s love into the world.

“And this sacrifice that Jesus offers, that He did out of great, great love, is for everyone in the whole world. Hey, that reminds me of our Bottom Line for today!

10 MINUTES

Story

③ Bible Story

SLIDE -> Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "God loves the whole world. Say that with me."

KIDS, STORYTELLER, AND HOST: [Bottom Line] "God loves the whole world"

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 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

- Who came to talk to Jesus at night?
(Nicodemus)
- Where did Nicodemus belong to?
(He was a Jewish ruling council member.)
- Why do you think Nicodemus wanted to talk to Jesus?
(He saw Jesus doing miracles and had big questions about God.)
- Did Jesus love Nicodemus?
(Yes! Jesus loves everyone.)
- Jesus said Nicodemus that no one can enter God's kingdom unless they are born again with _____ & _____.
(Water & Spirit)
- What does being born again mean?
(It means starting fresh on the inside with God's help.)
- Jesus said God loves the whole world. Who does that include?
(Everyone—me, you, our friends, our family!)
- What did God give because He loves us so much?
(Jesus!)
- What famous verse did John write about God's love?
(John 3:16)

5 MINUTES

Prayer

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“Dear God, thank You for loving us so much that You sent Jesus to rescue us because You wanted us to be Your friends. It’s amazing to know that You love the whole world, and every single person in it, including all of us! Help us to live in the light of Your great love and shine Your goodness to everyone we meet. 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