

K-5TH

LARGE & SMALL GROUPS

FEBRUARY 8TH, WEEK 2

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

### PRE-SERVICE

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GAME 15 MIN

LARGE GROUP [33 MIN]

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OPENING GAME 10 MIN

WORSHIP 5 MIN

STORY VIDEO 13 MIN

BOTTOM LINE

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY

SALVATION MOMENT 5 MIN

SMALL GROUP [30-35 min]

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APPLICATION 1 12 MIN

APPLICATION 2 12 MIN

CLOSING PRAYER 6 MIN

## THIS MONTH



### Today's Bible Story

The Most Important  
Commandment  
Matthew 22:34-40

### 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

Please make sure that  
children who were not  
here last week receive a  
memory verse card to  
take home so they can  
practice and memorize it  
throughout the week.

Please go over the  
memory verse with the  
class every Sunday.

## PRE-SERVICE

### “Valentine’s Cards”

What you need:

- Blank Cards
- Coloring Supplies
- Stickers
- Glue Sticks
- Scissors
- Decorating Paper
- “Love God. Love Others” Stickers

Welcome kids by name as they arrive with a high five, fist bump, or a wave!

### What You Do

- Give each kid a blank card and make coloring supplies, paper, scissors, glue sticks and stickers available.
- Tell them they are going to make a Valentine’s Day card for someone they love.
- Encourage them to draw a picture and decorate their card.
- Help them write a short note inside. At the end of their note, have them place a: [Bottom Line] Love God. Love others sticker.
- Ask: “What does it actually mean to love the people in your life?” (e.g., sharing, being kind, helping)

### What You Say

“These cards are beautiful! The people who get these will feel so loved. When you give this card to them, you are showing them what Jesus wants us to do. Jesus wants us to love one another. You are choosing to: [Bottom Line] Love God. Love others.”

## LARGE GROUP

### OPENER GAME

#### “Minute-to-Win-it Valentine’s Challenge (SHARE THE LOVE)”

What You Need:

- Candy Hearts
- Straws
- Cups
- Timers

## WORSHIP

## STORY VIDEO

## SALVATION MOMENT

What You Need

- Salvation cards
- Salvation sheet

**HOST:** *“Hello, hello! Welcome, everyone! This month, we’re talking about sharing the love of Jesus as we ‘Like and Subscribe’ to the incredible things He teaches.*

**Show the box/bag of candy hearts.**

*“And whether you love candy hearts or hate them, here is one way you can share a little love.”*

**Pick out a few candy hearts and read them. The following is an example of what you could find!**

*“Candy hearts! Let’s see ... ” (read a few). “This one says, Be Mine. And this one says, Miss You. And here’s one that says, Call Me. Today, we’re gonna play a game to share the love with some of these hearts.”*

*“Do any of you know what a Minute-to-Win-It game is? If you do, raise your hand.” (Acknowledge the raised hands.) “A Minute-to-Win-It game is just a super-fun game that you have to play in just sixty seconds. And they all get a big like” (give a thumbs-up) “in my book..”*

*“Our Minute-to-Win-it game today is a special Valentine’s challenge. I need volunteers” (based on how many you decide) “who want to collect candy hearts! If you’d like to do that, raise your hand!”*

**Select your volunteers from the kids who have their hands raised and bring them up on stage. Encourage them to stand behind the table. Place a cup on the table in front of each volunteer.**

**Slide:** Valentine Challenge Title

*“Your job is simple. You have one minute to collect as many of these candy hearts as possible in your cup.”*

**Pour out candy hearts evenly across the table(s).**

*“BUT! —you can’t touch these hearts with your hands! Instead, each one of you will get a paper straw!”*

*“You must use this straw to suction up each heart, move it to the cup in front of you, and then drop it in—like this.”*

**Demonstrate sucking on the straw to suction a heart. Then drop it into your hand.**

## OPENER GAME (CONT.)

*“Simple? Yes. Easy? Well ... you’re about to find out. Everyone ready? It’s time to SHARE THE LOVE!”*

**AUDIO:** Upbeat music

**Start the game and start the timer. Lead the rest of the kids in encouraging and cheering on the volunteers. Offer help if it’s needed.**

**When the minute is up, say ...**

*“Time’s up, straws down! Let’s count up those hearts and find out who our winner is!”*

**Help count up the hearts in each volunteer’s cup. Announce the winner.**

*“Let’s give a big round of applause for all of our volunteers.”*

*“You guys are awesome at sharing the love!”*

**Transition -** *“In our true story from the Bible today, Jesus is going to talk about something that’s important for ALL people to do. Let’s go find out what it is!”*

## WORSHIP

## STORY VIDEO

## SALVATION MOMENT

What You Need

- Salvation cards
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## SMALL GROUP

### ACTIVITY 1 “Memory Verse Puzzle”

What You Need:

- Bibles
- “Memory Verse Puzzle” Activity Page in an envelope

### What You Do

- Invite kids to look up John 13:34 in the Bible using the Bible Navigation Tips.
- Read the Memory Verse together out loud several times.
- Encourage the kids to set the Bibles aside. • Divide the kids into two groups.
- Give each group an envelope containing pieces from the “Memory Verse Puzzle” Activity Page.
- Challenge the kids to pour out the pieces, and be the first group to put the verse in the correct order.
- Recite the verse together as a group once everyone has finished.

### What You Say

“Great job putting all the words to our Memory Verse in order! Jesus’ new command in our verse is the same as one of the greatest commandments from our story. He wants us to love one another, because that’s how He loves us. When we love each other, we are showing the world what God is like. We can love God by getting to know Him through His Word, the Bible. Our goal is to: [Bottom Line] Love God. Love others.”

## SMALL GROUP

### ACTIVITY 2

#### “Guessing Game”

##### What You Need

- "People Picture" Activity Page

#### What You Do

- Explain to your group of kids that you’re going to play a guessing game.
- Choose one kid to start.
- Tell the kid to pick a picture and hold it up to their forehead, facing out, so everyone else in the circle can see it, but they cannot.
- Instruct the kid to ask “yes” or “no” questions to figure out who is on their picture. (e.g., “Do I wear a uniform?” “Do I work in a school?”)
- Share that the other kids can only answer “yes” or “no.”
- Help the kids guess and then let the next kid have a turn with a new picture.

#### What You Say

“Great guessing, everyone! There are so many different kinds of people in the world, and they all do important jobs.

## SMALL GROUP

### PRAY AND DISMISS

#### “Prayer Hearts”

What You Need

- Jar
- Hearts

### What You Do

- Ask each kid to think of one person they want to show love to this week.
- As each kid names their person, let them add a heart to the prayer jar.
- Close in prayer.

### What You Say

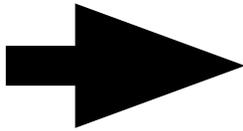
“Our prayer jar is getting so full! That means we are doing one of the most important things—loving people by praying for them! Let’s pray for the people we named.

### Prayer

“Dear God, thank You for loving us. Help us to love You back with everything we are. And help us to love the people around us, especially those we mentioned today. Show us how to be kind and loving this week. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

# GETTING READY

What You Need



## PRE-SERVICE GAME

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## OPENER GAME

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## SALVATION MOMENT

- Salvation cards
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## APPLICATION 1

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- "Memory Verse Puzzle" Activity Page in an envelope

## APPLICATION 2

- "People Picture" Activity Page

## PRAY AND DISMISS

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- Hearts