

THE GREATEST I AM LOVED

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I Am Loved
Elementary Leader Guide

the place for kids to take
their first steps with jesus.



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God's love never ends! In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul reminded believers that because of Jesus, God's love lasts forever. Jesus made the way for us to have a relationship with God for eternity. Kids can trust and enjoy God's love forever when they follow Jesus.

BIBLE- *In Christ Alone- 1 Corinthians 15*

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SOCIAL TIME

The first 10 minutes as kids arrive is a very important time in your small group. Because of this, we provide you with intentional activities to engage their interests and help lead into a great discussion. All of this is so that "boredom" is not an excuse. Everything is only available one time.

Every week you have:

- Roku Games to play together that are changed out monthly.
- 2 month specific games or group activities.
- Plus 2 Social Activities. *** Use one now and save the other for an incentive to participate in all the activities.*

Games and Music (10 minutes)

What You Need: Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instruction Page, Balloons (10 per group), Stopwatch or timer (1 per group), "Allergy Alert" Printable (1 per group), Beach balls (10 per group instead of balloons; optional), Construction paper (several), Child-safe scissors (1 per child), Markers or crayons (several), Glue sticks (1 per child), Stickers (several; optional), "Pop-Up Valentine Example" printable (optional; 1 per group), stamps or stickers to decorate cards (several per group)

What You Do:

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

Say: That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today."

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This

Paul wrote to Christians who lived in the city of Corinth. Everyone, say, "Corinth!" (Corinth!) This means that they were called Corinthians. Everyone, say, "Corinthians!" (Corinthians!) The Corinthians were doubting what was true about God, so Paul wrote a letter to remind them what is true and most important. He reminded them that Jesus really did die on the cross and rise again to rescue people from sin. Jesus is alive today, and Paul taught about God's never-ending love which lasts forever! Everyone, say, "God's love never ends!" (God's love never ends!)

The Gospel Video (10 minutes)

Gospel Connection: (refer to the 4 Circles poster in your small group spaces)

Circle 1- God's love has always existed. In the beginning of time, God made the world, and He called it good. God loved what He made. Everything was perfect. The first people God made walked with Him and did not doubt or try to hide anything from Him. They knew God's never-ending love.

Circle 2- Just like how the first people God made sinned, all people, including everyone today, sin. Sin is when we choose to do what we think is best instead of what God says is best. The Bible says that the payment for sin is death. In our Bible story, the Corinthians began to doubt that Jesus had really died on the cross and risen from the grave to rescue people from their sin. However, Paul wrote a letter to clearly remind them what was true about God.

Circle 3- Paul told the Corinthians that Jesus is real and that He really did die on the cross and rise again three days later! If Jesus had not died on the cross, people would still be stuck in their sin, with no way to have a relationship with God. However, Jesus came to earth and lived a perfect life, and then He died on a cross to take on the payment of sin for us. When we believe that Jesus really is who He says He is and did what He said He would do, we can be forgiven and have a right relationship with God

Circle 4- Jesus is alive today, and His life shows us that God's love goes on forever! His love never ends! Everyone, say, "God's love never ends!" (God's love never ends!) One day, Jesus will return, and He will make everything new again, just like it was when God first created the world!

Today, we learned that **God's love never ends!** Everyone, say, "**God's love never ends!**" (**God's love never ends!**) He loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to come to earth, die on the cross, and rise again, so that we can be forgiven and have a restored relationship with God. We get an amazing life filled with God's love now and forever. That is never-ending love! Say, "I am loved!" (I am loved!) God's love is the greatest! Everyone, say, "The greatest!" (The greatest!) Let's spend time in prayer thanking God for His great love.

God, thank You that Your love never ends. Because of this love that lasts forever, I know Your love will never give up on me. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to pay the price for sin, so that anyone who believes in Him can be forgiven and have a restored relationship with You. Thank You for Your great love. We love You. Amen.

Forever Race

Pairs of kids will race to put a sentence together while also trying to stop the other team from completing its sentence.

Big Goal: Remember the truth that Paul taught the Corinthians—Jesus really did die for our sin and come back to life on the third day.

Leader Prep: Cut apart the card sets and separate by color with a paper clip. Each group needs one red set and one blue set.

Supplies: Forever Race Cards (1 set of each color per group on cardstock)

What To Do: In our Bible story today, Paul reminded the Corinthians that they could know God's love never ends because Jesus really did die for our sin and He really did come back to life. God's love never ends! We are going to have fun remembering this truth as we play a game that may seem like it will go on forever called "Forever Race!" What kind of race? (*Forever!*)

I will assign you to two teams and each team will line up on one side of the room. Your goal will be the first team to lay out the cards and make the sentence, "Jesus died and rose again." What sentence are you making? (*Jesus died and rose again!*) On my signal, the first player from each team will hurry to the other side of the room and turn over one of your index cards. You will hurry back and high-five the next player on your team.

However, now players have a choice. When you hurry to the cards, you can choose to either turn over one of your cards or turn over one of the faceup cards from the other team, turning it facedown. You can only do one or the other though! So you will have to quickly decide which will help your team more—turning over another of your cards or trying to sabotage the other team by turning one of their cards to be face down.

Let's get on our teams and play "Forever Race!"

Keep It Going: Assign different ways for kids to move across the room, such as skipping, galloping, and so forth.

Leader Tip: Ensure that kids are *only* turning over one card on each turn.

Loud And Clear: That was a crazy way to help us remember the truth! Like the Corinthians, there are still people today who doubt the truth that Jesus really did die and really did come back to life. But it is totally true! And this truth means that everyone who trusts and follows Jesus gets to enjoy a relationship with God now and forever. Everyone, say, "God's love never ends!" (*God's love never ends!*)

Let's chat about this more by looking at some questions that make us think deeper.

TALK ABOUT IT

Discussion Questions:

- Who are people in your life that you love, and what do you do to show love to that person? (Allow kids to answer and then share your own answer.)
- Unlike the tree branch, Jesus *did* die, but He rose to life again. Why do you think some people, even some people in the Bible, doubted they would see Him again? (Allow kids to answer and then share your own answer.)
- The Bible tells us that we are loved by God forever. Let's open our Bibles to
- **1 Corinthians 15:56-57** and read about it together. (Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.) Paul told the Corinthians in his letter that sin leads to death. However, through Jesus' death on a cross and His resurrection, we can have victory over sin and death! When we believe in Jesus, we can enjoy a relationship with God filled with His love both now and forever. What is the difference between God's love and everything else in the world? (Allow kids to answer. Answers will vary but may include how God's love lasts forever but nothing else lasts forever.)
- Jesus is real, and He really did die on the cross and rise again. He did this because of His love that never gives up on us and lasts forever. How could you tell someone about God's never-ending love He shows through Jesus? (Allow kids to answer. Answers will vary but may include that Jesus died and rose again, because God loves us and wanted to make the way for us to have a forever relationship with Him.)
- The Bible tells us that God loves us, and His love never ends. His love truly is the greatest because it lasts forever! What is something you learned today?

WRAP UP

Is there anything you have questions about? (Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.) Let's pray and talk to God. (Lead the group in prayer. Consider using the following prayer prompt.)

God, thank You that Your love never ends and never gives up on us. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life here on earth, die on the cross, and then rise again. Thank You for doing all of that so we can come to You and have freedom from sin. You love us so much, and that is truly the greatest love we could ever receive. Thank You for Your great love that has no end. We are so thankful. Amen..

You are loved by God, and His love lasts forever. God sent His Son, Jesus, to come to earth to live a perfect life, die on the cross, and then rise again from the grave, so that we can be forgiven and have a restored relationship with Him. God's love truly is the greatest love we could ever receive!

GOING HOME

Pass out the coloring pages for kids to take home. Greet families as they arrive and tell them something about their child you saw today. Say goodbye and call everyone by name.