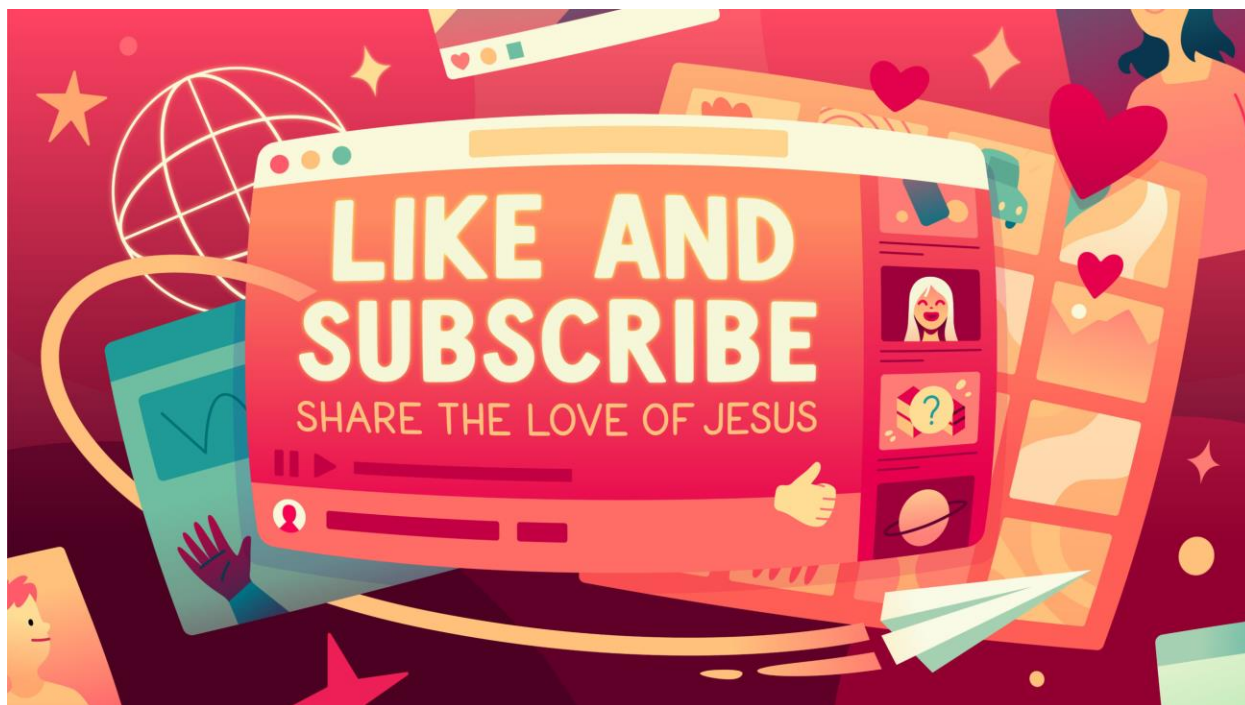




WEEK ONE – FEBRUARY 2026 – KINDER/FIRST

Bible Story: *John 3:1-21*

Bottom Line: *God loves the whole world.*

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)*

Conversation Starter: *Where have you seen God’s love?*

Application: *Love – Choosing to treat others the way Jesus treats us.*

Series Overview: What’s the first thing you want to do when you discover a funny video or listen to a powerful podcast? Share it, of course! That’s why we chose “Like and Subscribe: Share the love of Jesus” as this month’s theme. We want kids to know that there’s nothing more awesome they can share with others than the love and adventure of a life with Jesus.

8:45 - 9:05 | 10:45 – 11:05 | EARLY ARRIVERS ACTIVITY

Connection Centers

Connect: a time that invites kids to share with others and leaders

What You Need: Activity Bins + Coloring Sheets (find on your shelves in space)

What You Do:

- *PRE-CONNECTION TIME*
 - *Before kids arrive, pray for kids who will visit your group for the first time! Thank God that His love is for the whole world, and that includes you and every person you will ever meet. Recall an age-appropriate story about a time you were confused about God, and He met you in your questions. Ask God to help the kids in your group understand that “the whole world” means everyone. Pray they would know God loves them, He loves their family, He loves their friends, and He loves the new person at school.*
- *DURING CONNECTION TIME*
 - Greet each child by name and with a high five or fist bump!
 - **Make sure to grab second sticker from the child + place it on your sticker sheet**
 - Invite kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
 - Pull out your activity bins + set aside some coloring sheets for kids to partake in your small group space
 - Ask questions in order to connect with + get to know your few as you partake in activities alongside them...you can use these :
 - *What’s something you saw or heard recently that you couldn’t wait to tell someone about?*
 - *Who’s someone you really like spending time with and why?*
 - *If you could show everyone one fun thing you love, what would it be?*
 - *Would you rather tell someone good news or show them something fun? Why?*
- *AFTER CONNECTION TIME*
 - *Use this time to review over how to be successful in small group time as well as Flatirons Kids by using the SG Structure 101 sheet featured on your activity shelf*
 - Go over each rule to create a great small group experience
 - Transition into the Opening Small Group Activity

9:05 - 9:20 | 11:05 – 11:20 | OPENING SMALL GROUP

OPENING ACTIVITY

What You Need: Love Draw Activity Page, Coloring Supplies

What You Do:

- Give each kid a “Love Draw” Activity Page and make coloring supplies available.
- Invite the kids to circle all the things on the page that they “love.”
- After a few minutes, invite the kids to share one or two of the things they circled.
- Talk about how we use the word “love” for lots of things.

What You Say:

“It’s fun to talk about all the things we love, like pizza and playing with our friends! We use that word a lot. [Transition] But today, we’re going to talk about a much, much bigger love. It’s the greatest love in the world—God’s love! Let’s go!”

9:20 - 9:50 | 11:20 – 11:50 | LARGE GROUP

We start off as Nicodemus visits Jesus at night. While Nicodemus struggles to understand how a grown-up could be born again, Jesus challenges him to see with new eyes. John, recording this scene, interprets for us: “God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life.” [BOTTOM LINE] God loves the whole world.

9:50 – 10:10 | 11:50 – 12:10 | SMALL GROUP

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[Talk About God | Bible Story Review]

What You Need: Optional coloring pages for kids

What You Do:

- Gather the kids in small group space
- If kids need something to do with their hands, they can color during discussion!
- Talk about the discussion questions below with the kids!
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What You Say:

- Why do you think Nicodemus came to Jesus at night instead of during the day?
- John 3:16 says God loved the whole world. Are some groups of people or kinds of situations where it's hardest for you to love?
- Nicodemus had a lot of questions for Jesus, but he didn't avoid Jesus—he went right to Him with his questions. What does this story teach you about bringing your worries or hard questions to God?

THE WHOLE WORLD

[Talk About God | Bible Story Review]

What You Need: Bibles; World Map; Whole World Puzzle activity page; Coloring supplies

What You Do:

- Show the kids the globe or map.
- Invite the kids to name some places they know. Maybe where grandma lives, or a place they went on vacation. Point to those places.
- Ask: "Name some places that you could take a car to."

- Ask: “Name some places that are so far away you would need to fly on an airplane!” Point to those faraway places. (Share some faraway countries and point to them on the globe.)
- Give each kid a “Whole World Puzzle” Activity Page.
- Make the coloring supplies available.
- Invite them to color the picture of the world
- As they color, talk about how God’s love is for everyone.
- When they are done coloring, Kids can take home and cut out the puzzle pieces
- OPTION: If you have the time and support allow kids to cut puzzle apart and paper clip together to take home

What You Say:

“We talked about so many places! Our world is so big. And our Bible Story today tells us something amazing. It tells us that **[Bottom Line] God loves the whole world.** God loves the people who live here and God loves the people who live way across the ocean. In Jesus’ conversation with Nicodemus, we learn that God sent His Son, Jesus, so that anyone who believes in Him, anyone in the world, will not die but will have eternal life—they’ll be God’s friend forever. God loves everyone, everywhere!

These puzzles show the whole world! Every piece was important to make the whole picture, right? It’s like that with all the people God made and put on this earth. Every single person is important to God, and He loves every one of them. That’s why God sent Jesus. Jesus came and gave His life so that everyone in the world, if they choose to believe in Him, can be God’s friend forever!”

PRAYER TIME

[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

What You Need: Clear Jar; Candy Hearts

What You Do:

- Encourage the kids to sit in a circle with you.
- Show the group the empty jar.
- Say, “Praying for people is a way to share the love of Jesus. This month, every time we pray for someone, we’re going to add a heart to this jar. At the end of the month, we can see all the people we prayed for and all the love we shared!”
- Encourage each kid to think of one person they want to pray for today.
- Go around the circle, and as each kid says the name of the person they are praying for, let them drop a heart into the jar.
- Close the group in prayer.
- Store the jar in a safe place to use again next week.

What You Say:

“Our prayer jar has its first hearts! Let’s pray for the people we named.”

“Dear God, thank You that Your love is for the whole world. Thank You for loving us, and for loving [name a few of the people kids mentioned]. Help us to show Your love to everyone we meet this week. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”