



LOWER ELEMENTARY

WEEK 1- STARTER



Activity Name: Love Draw

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!

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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WEEK 1- SMALL GROUP

Discussion Questions:

- 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?



Bible Story

Jesus Teaches Nicodemus • *John 3:1-21*

Bottom Line

God loves the whole world.

Monthly 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

Activity Name: The Whole World

What You Need: Bibles World Map Whole World Puzzle activity page Coloring supplies (Optional: kid scissors)

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 a 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
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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!

KEEP GROUP TOGETHER UNTIL PICK UP