



## WEEK TWO – FEBRUARY 2026 – KINDER/FIRST

**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)*

**Conversation Starter:** *How have others shown love to you?*

**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.

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

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### 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 was your favorite part of this last week?*
    - *What is something that makes you feel loved?*
    - *How do you show love to your friends and family?*
    - *How many of the ten commandments can you name?*
- *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

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

## OPENING ACTIVITY

**What You Need:** People Pictures Activity Page Cards

### What You Do:

- Greet each kid by name with a fist bump, high-five, smile, or wave as they arrive!
- Explain that you're going to play a game of charades.
- Ask for a volunteer to act first.
- Show the volunteer one of the people cards without letting the rest of the group see.
- Instruct the volunteer to act out who is on the card without using any words.
- Encourage the rest of the group to try to guess who is on the card.
- The kid who guesses correctly gets to be the next kid to act out a new card.
- Continue until several kids have had a turn.

### What You Say:

“Great acting and great guessing! It’s fun to pretend to be all these different people. *[Transition]* **It doesn’t matter who we are—a famous singer or a firefighter—Jesus has the same important message for all of us. Let’s go hear our true story from the Bible today and find out what it is!”**

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

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During Week 2, we explore the Most Important Commandment. Several religious leaders try to trap Jesus with a trick question: basically, choose your top commandment so everyone can take you down for picking the wrong one. Just how many rules are we talking here? We revisit the original Ten Commandments

in Exodus, as well as the additional 603 laws and the extras added around them by the religious leaders. Instead of debating, Jesus rolls them all into two simple commands. [BOTTOM LINE] Love God. Love others.

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

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## **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!

### **What You Say:**

- Jesus said the most important commandment is to love God with all your heart, soul, and mind. What does it look like to love God with all of who you are—not just your words, but your thoughts, choices, and feelings?
- The second most important commandment says to love your neighbor as yourself. Is it hard to love others like you love yourself? How can God help you do both?
- When you think about your normal day—school, friends, family—where do you think it’s easiest for you to show love, and where is it hardest? What could help you love better in the hard places?

## **LOVE NOTES**

**[Talk About God | Bible Story Review]**

**What You Need:** Cardstock cards; coloring supplies; heart stickers; bible

### **What You Do:**

- Invite them to look up John 13:34 and read the Memory Verse together out loud several times.
- Give each kid a card and envelope and make the coloring supplies and stickers available.
- Tell them they are going to make a Valentine's Day card for someone they love. (family member, friend, etc.)
- Encourage them to draw a picture and decorate their card.
- Help them write a short note inside. At the end of their note, help them write: **[Bottom Line] Love God. Love others.**
- 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.**”

## **PRAYER TIME**

### **[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]**

**What You Need:** Premade craft sticks

### **What You Do:**

- Let each kid draw one craft stick from the bag filled with pre-made craft sticks. (The craft sticks say: family, friend, community helper, neighbor, someone at church, someone at school)
- Read the word on their stick and invite them to name one specific person from that category they can pray for. (e.g., If they draw “friend,” they can name their best friend from school.)
- Close by praying for all the people who were named.

**What You Say:**

"We named a lot of people whom God loves! Let's pray for all these people."

*"Dear God, thank You for all the people in our lives. Help us to show them Your love this week, especially [the people the kids' named]. Help us remember the most important things: [Bottom Line] Love God. Love others. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."*