



WEEK FOUR – FEBRUARY 2026 – PRETEEN

Bible Story: *Jesus Heals Jairus's Daughter and a Suffering Woman | Mark 5:21-43*

Bottom Line: *Show the love of Jesus to people in need.*

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 can you show love to others?*

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*
 - *Pray for your group before they arrive. Pray for kids who will visit your group for the first time. Thank God that He sees people in their need and doesn't see them as an interruption. Recall an age-appropriate story about a time you were "interrupted" by someone in need, and God prompted you to stop and show love. Ask God to give your preteens eyes to see the needs around them—not just physical needs, but the emotional needs of their friends (anxiety, loneliness, family stress). Pray that they would see people the way Jesus does: not as interruptions, but as divine opportunities to show His love.*
- *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?*
 - *When was a time someone showed you love that changed things for you?*
- *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: Heart cutouts or foam hearts

What You Do:

- Encourage two kids to sit facing each other, about an arm's length apart.
- Place a foam heart on the floor between them.
- Explain you are going to play “Boom, Clap, Snatch.”
- Explain that when you say “Boom” everyone should slap the floor/table.
- Explain that when you say “Clap” everyone should clap once.
- Explain that when you say “Snatch” everyone should try to grab the heart.
- The kid who grabs the heart first, wins!
- Begin the game by calling out a command (Boom, Clap, or Snatch)
- The kids must do the action you call out.
- If a kid snatches the heart when you didn't say, “Snatch,” the other kid wins.
- Let the winners compete with one another.

What You Say:

“That game takes some serious focus and quick reflexes! You have to be ready to act when the moment is right. In our story today, we'll see Jesus act with love and power to help two people who were in desperate need. Let's go hear about it.”

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

We wrap up the month with Jairus, a synagogue leader, who begs Jesus to come heal his gravely ill daughter. While Jesus is on the way, a desperate woman with a chronic illness pushes through the crowd to touch his robe... and is instantly made well. Jesus doesn't discriminate between the wealthy and the outcast; instead, he

responds to anyone in need. [BOTTOM LINE] Show the love of Jesus to people in need.

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[Talk About God | Bible Story Review]

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Ask your group these questions & talk about them as a group.
 - Jesus stopped to help the woman even though He was already on His way to heal Jairus' daughter. What does that tell you about what's important to Jesus—and how can that change the way you think about interruptions in your own life?
 - The woman who touched Jesus' clothes had been suffering for 12 years. Why do you think Jesus wanted her to come forward and tell her story instead of just letting her be healed in secret?

 - When people told Jairus his daughter was dead, Jesus said, *“Don't be afraid. Just believe” (Mark 5:36 NIV)*. What do you think it means to “just believe” when everything feels hopeless or scary?
 - Both the woman and Jairus had to push through fear and take a step of faith to reach Jesus. Can you think of a time when you needed to show faith or courage to ask God for help—or to help someone else?
 - Jesus made time for people in need, even when others thought it was too late or too small. How can you make time in your own day to notice people who might need love, encouragement, or help?

TAKE A SNAPSHOT

[Live for God | Application Activity]

What You Need: Love Game Activity Page; Coloring Supplies

What You Do:

- Give each kid a “Love Game” Activity Page.
- Encourage kids to color the sections
- Guide kids through the folding process using the “Love Game Folding Instructions” Activity Page.
- Once it’s folded, encourage the kids to look at the different sections.
- Let them play with the cootie catchers with a partner. One person picks a letter, spells it out as they open and close the cootie catcher, picks a number, counts it out, and then reads the message of love inside.

What You Say:

“These are fun, but they’re also packed with truth! All of these messages point us back to the love of Jesus. In our story, Jesus didn’t just feel sorry for the people in need; He did something about it. He stepped in and showed love in a powerful way. For the woman, Jesus stopped because He wanted to look in her eyes and speak with her. For the girl, He used the Aramaic words, “Talitha koum!” meaning, “Little girl, I say to you, get up!” (Mark 5:41 NIrV). This cootie catcher can be a reminder and a tool for you this week to think of ways you can **[Bottom Line] show the love of Jesus to people in need.**”

Close in prayer or invite a kid to pray!