



Love – Lesson I

Order of Service (Skit)

1) Introduction

2) Welcome & Memory Verse

Hey everybody! My name is _____ and I am so glad all of you are here today. I have a new memory verse to teach you today! Do you guys want to learn it? Okay! Everybody stand up.

We (move hands in front of you to include everyone, palms up)

love because (cross arms in front of chest)

God (point up)

first (put one hand in front of you with one finger up)

loved (cross arms in front of chest)

us.” (point to yourself)

1 John 4:19

Let’s try that one more time (repeat).

Good job, everyone! You can sit back down now. We have some friends here today, so let’s get to know more of God, respect others, and put on our listening ears, and hear about how God is Love.

3) Skit

Roles: Storyteller
Actor - Smart Guy

Props: Sunglasses for Smart Guy

Storyteller: **Good morning, boys and girls! How is everyone today? I’m so happy to see all of you here. Today, we are learning about a very smart guy who wanted to ask Jesus a question—**

(Smart Man enters and interrupts Storyteller. Speaking to audience.)

Smart Guy: **Hey, hey, hey, what’s up in here? I’m Barry Brainy, but for short you can call me** (removes glasses and smiles) **Smart Guy.** (Replaces glasses.)

Storyteller: **Um, hi, Smart Guy. Welcome to Tree House. How can I help you?**

Smart Guy: **The question is, how can I help YOU? Do you have a question for me? Any question at all? Is there anything you don’t know? Because I have all the answers! That’s why they call me** (glasses off) **Smart Guy.** (Glasses on.)

Storyteller: **Do you really know everything?**

Smart Guy: **Why, of course I do!**

Storyteller: **Hmm. What color is the sky?**

Smart Guy: **Blue.**

Storyteller: **What city are we in?**

Smart Guy: **Greenville, South Carolina.**

Storyteller: **Man, he’s good. Hmmm. What did I have for breakfast this morning?**

Smart Guy: (Thinks) **Chocolate milk and Lucky Charms!**

Storyteller: **Wow, this guy really does know a lot! That's exactly what I had for breakfast this morning. Here's another question... what should I do so that I can go to heaven and have a relationship with Jesus forever?**

(Smart Guy does not know the answer. He tries to make something up.)

Smart Guy: **Um, uh, well, to go to heaven, you have to do a lot of really good things.**

Storyteller: **God loves it when we do good things, but I'm afraid that's not how we get to go to heaven.**

Smart Guy: **Oh, ha ha, oops, that's not what I meant to say. I meant to say, you have to, uh... answer a really hard question.**

Storyteller: **Nope, that's not it, either.**

Smart Guy: **Oh, um, uh (gives up). Oh, I don't know! I don't know the answer! Can you tell me?**

Storyteller: **Well, Smart Guy, Jesus was asked this same question thousands of years ago. Another man who was very smart asked Jesus how he could get into heaven.**

Smart Guy: **Whoa, whoa, whoa, hold up—was this guy as smart as (glasses off) me?**

Storyteller: **Yes, Smart Guy, he was as smart as you. However, Jesus was smarter.**

Smart Guy: **Really?! Jesus was smarter than both of us?**

Storyteller: **Oh, yeah! Jesus really did know everything. When the man asked him how to get to heaven, Jesus said, "Well, what's written in the Bible? What do you think the answer is?" Smart Guy, what do you think the answer is?**

Smart Guy: **Well, the Bible says to love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your strength and all your mind, and also to love your neighbor as yourself. Does that have anything to do with it?**

Storyteller: **That's exactly right! It says that in Luke 10:27, which is exactly where our story comes from. God loves us very much, and because he loves us so much, he wants us to love all the people around us! God also wants us to love HIM more than anything.**

Smart Guy: **So that's the answer? The way to get into heaven is by loving God and loving people?**

Storyteller: **Yes, Smart Guy. We get into heaven by loving God more than anything else and also by loving the people he created, because God IS love. He loves us more than we can ever understand!**

Smart Guy: **Wow, that's so cool! I'm so glad that God loves me, even if I'm not as smart as I thought I was. Thank you, _____, for helping me learn something new today!**

Storyteller: **You're very welcome, Smart Guy! See you later!**

(Smart Guy exits)

Storyteller: **Boys and girls, will you pray with me before we stand up and sing?**

Dear God, thank you for giving us a way to get to heaven. We know that you love us very much, and we want you to know that we love you, too. Help us to love everyone around us. In Jesus's name we pray, Amen.

4) Songs

I just thought of another way that we can love God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind—by singing! So let's all stand up and sing about how great God is.

5) Prayer & Closing

Wow! That was some pretty great singing! Thank you!

Before we go, let's all sit down and pray together. Dear God, thank you for loving us first so that we can love you and others. Help us to remember you are love and to feel your love every day. Amen.

