



Love – Lesson 2

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. Does anyone remember our new memory verse we learned last week? Do you guys want to practice 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 to learn more about how God is Love.

3) Skit

Roles: Storyteller
Zip

Props: Letter Printed from Smart Guy

Storyteller: Good morning, boys and girls! I have a question for all of you: do you guys remember our friend Smart Guy from last week? (Wait for responses.) Well, guess what? He sent me a letter in the mail yesterday! I'll read it to you:

“Dear _____,
I had so much fun learning to love God and love people with you guys last week. In fact, it made me want to go home and read my Bible! I read in Luke 10:27 that Jesus told us to love our neighbors as ourselves. But I just have one question - who is our neighbor? Can my friends in Tree House help me figure this out?
Love,
Smart Guy”

Boys and girls, do you know what a neighbor is?

Zip: Did I hear someone say neighbor?

Storyteller: Hey, Zip! Yes, you did hear someone say neighbor, it was me! We're trying to help our friend Smart Guy figure out what a neighbor is. Do you know what a neighbor is?

Zip: Yeah! A neighbor is someone who lives in the house right next to yours.

Storyteller: That is one way to describe a neighbor, but there is another way that Jesus describes a neighbor.

Zip: Well, I guess a neighbor could be just anybody who lives in your neighborhood. Is that who Jesus says our neighbor is?

Storyteller: **Yes, those people are your neighbors, too, but Jesus says—**

Zip: **Ooh! Or sometimes at school, my teacher tells us to turn to our neighbor and give them a hug, so my neighbor is also the person I sit next to!**

Storyteller: **You're getting there, Zip! The people who live next door to us and the people who live in our neighborhoods are our neighbors, and the people we sit next to in class are our neighbors too, but Jesus says that anyone in our lives counts as our neighbor!**

Zip: **Whoa. Anyone, like, everyone?**

Storyteller: **Everyone.**

Zip: **So, my teacher is my neighbor, even though she doesn't live in the house next to me?**

Storyteller: **That's right.**

Zip: **And my friend Willow is my neighbor, even though she doesn't sit next to me in class?**

Storyteller: **Yep.**

Zip: **Wow. What else does Jesus say about neighbors?**

Storyteller: **In Luke chapter 10, Jesus says we have to love our neighbors as much as we love ourselves.**

Zip: **Uh oh, wait. You said everyone is my neighbor, right?**

Storyteller: **Yes, Zip. Everyone is your neighbor.**

Zip: **What about Bobby? Is he my neighbor?**

Storyteller: **Who's Bobby?**

Zip: **Bobby is the meanest guy in my class. He's always saying unkind things and pushing people down, and one time, he even stole somebody's lunch money.**

Storyteller: **Well, that's not very nice of him, and I can understand why you wouldn't want him to be your neighbor. However, Bobby is your neighbor, Zip, and that means you have to love him like you love yourself!**

Zip: **What does that even mean? To love him like I love myself?**

Storyteller: **That means you do and say things to him that you would like for someone else to do and say to you. Do you like it when people are mean to you?**

Zip: **No, not at all.**

Storyteller: **Boys and girls, do you like it when people are mean to you? (Wait for responses.) Exactly! Loving your neighbor as yourself means not saying or doing mean things to your neighbor, even if your neighbor is mean to you first.**

Zip: **So even if Bobby is really mean to me, I still need to be nice to him?**

Storyteller: **Yes, Zip, because that's how Jesus says to love people! It seems kind of hard, doesn't it?**

Zip: **Yeah, it seems really hard. I don't know if I can do it.**

Storyteller: **Without God's help, Zip, you can't do it. Thankfully, though, God gives us help when we ask for it, and we can remember that our memory verse teaches us that we love because God loves us first! Boys and girls, before we stand up to worship, will you pray with me?**

Dear God, thank you for giving us the Bible so that we can know how to love our neighbors. Please help us to do and say kind things to others, so that we can love them just like you do! 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, what 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 who our neighbors are and love them as you love us. Amen.



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