



Love – Lesson 3

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 the memory verse we have been learning—about God’s love? Let’s practice it together. 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
Actor - Smart Guy

Storyteller: Goooooooood morning, boys and girls! Does everyone remember what we’ve been talking about in TreeHouse? God is lo—

Zip: _____ (Yell Storyteller’s name)! You will NEVER BELIEVE what just happened to me!

Storyteller: What happened, Zip?

Zip: Okay, so, today I was playing on the playground, like I do every day, but this time I thought it would be fun to try to climb up the slide. It was NOT fun—I fell off from the very top!

Storyteller: Oh no, Zip! Are you okay?

Zip: Well, I’m fine now, but I wasn’t then. I felt like I got all of the air knocked out of me. I was lying in the mulch crying because it hurt so badly.

Storyteller: Did you get some help?

Zip: I tried, but I couldn’t get up, so I just lay there, crying. Then one of my friends walked by—

Storyteller: Oh good, so he helped you!

Zip: No, actually, he didn’t. He was playing tag with some of our other friends, and if he stopped to help me he would get tagged.

Storyteller: What? He didn’t stop to help you? But he’s your friend!

Zip: I know. It made me really sad that he wouldn't just stop the game for a minute to help me. Anyway, so then my other friend walked past me—

Storyteller: Did she get you help?

Zip: No! She didn't! She said, "Sorry, Zip, I would help you, but there's only one swing open right now, and if I don't get it right this second then someone else will take it! Sorry!"

Storyteller: Wow, your friends didn't do a very good job of loving you. So what happened? How did you finally get help?

Zip: See, _____ (storyteller's name), that's the craziest part. After neither of my friends would help me, I thought that no one ever would. I was still crying and I was trying to sit up when this guy, Doug, walked over to me. No one ever talks to Doug, not even me. No one really likes him. He's really quiet and smells kinda funny. Anyways, Doug walked over to me and grabbed my hand and helped me stand up!

Storyteller: Really?

Zip: Yeah! Doug, of all people! My own friends didn't even come to help me, but Doug did!

Storyteller: Wow, that's so cool, Zip! Doug was like the good Samaritan!

Zip: The good Sa-what-now?

Storyteller: The good Samaritan! Have you ever heard of the good Samaritan, Zip? (Shakes his head no.) What about you, friends?

Zip: What does Doug have to do with the good Smatarian?

Storyteller: Sa-mar-i-tan. And your story with Doug is very similar to the story that is in the Bible! In Luke chapter 10, Jesus tells us about a guy from Jerusalem who gets beat up by some robbers and left in the middle of the road, hurt

and dying. Two other people from Jerusalem saw him there in the street, but they didn't stop to help him. He was crying and began to think that no one would ever come to his rescue. Then a guy from Samaria—a city of people who didn't like Jerusalem—saw the man from Jerusalem dying in the street and stopped to help him. He is known as the Good Samaritan, because he showed neighborly love to the man who was hurt.

Zip: That does sound a lot like my story with Doug. Wow, who'd have known there's a real life good Strataritan who plays on my playground?!

Storyteller: Sam-ar-i-tan. And that is pretty cool, isn't it Zip? But guess what?

Zip: What?

Storyteller: We can all be real-life good Samaritans.

Zip: What? How?

Storyteller: We can love each other with neighborly love! We can help people who are sad or lonely or hurt, no matter who they are. If our neighbor needs help, then we should help them. That's what the good Samaritan did, and that's what we should do too!

Zip: Awesome! I'll see you around, _____ (storyteller's name), I'm gonna go start being a Good Smata...Strama...Samatra...I'm gonna go and love my neighbors!

Storyteller: Bye, Zip! Boys and girls, let's pray.

Dear God, thank you for the example of the Good Samaritan. Help us to love our neighbors and to help them when they need help. We love you! Amen.

4) Songs

I just thought of another way that we can love God—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 love others as you love us. Amen.



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