



Love – Lesson 1

Memory Verse: 1 John 4:19 “We LOVE because God first loved us.”

Key Point: God loves me!

Bible Verse: Luke 10:25-27

SCHEDULE:

Center Time

around 10 minutes

Help the individuals transition by actively engaging them from the beginning. Try setting up centers to color, play with blocks and Play-Doh, or do puzzles.

Memory Verse

Use the Memory Verse page and images to go over the memory verse by placing them in the correct order on the board (personal or pocket chart).

Activity/Coloring Sheet (optional)

Big Group Time (optional)

Lesson

- Read through the lesson below. For a shortened version, just read the bolded words.
- Within the lesson, there are numbers that correspond to the story point pictures. For example, (1) corresponds to the first story point and picture, and so on.
- Allow individuals to place pictures on the board (personal or pocket chart) in sequential order.
- Key Point
- Use the review questions to check for understanding.

Video (optional)

Repeat Key Point & Memory Verse

Use the activities below for repetition of the story points, key points, and memory verse.

- Act out the Story.
- Bean Bag Toss: restate part of the story, memory verse, or key point when tossing.
- Hangman: play hangman using key points or parts of the story.

Activity/Coloring Sheet (optional)

Five Finger Gospel (optional)

LESSON:

This is a story from Luke 10 in the Bible (1). The Bible is God’s Word and we know it is true.

In our lesson today, **a man wants to meet Jesus** (2) and ask him a question. **The man** who wants to ask Jesus a question **is a very smart man** (3). **He wants to trick Jesus** (4) and see if he is a good teacher or not. We know that Jesus cannot be tricked because he is the Son of God. We know that God is all-knowing and Jesus knows everything. He knows the answer to every question we could have.

The smart man asks Jesus, “Teacher, **what should I do so I can go to heaven** (5) and live forever?” **Jesus replies**, “**What is written in the Bible?** (6) What do you think?” **The smart man answers** Jesus and says, “**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, with all your mind** (7), and **love your neighbor as yourself** (8).”

The smart man is a lawyer and thinks his answer is smart. Jesus knows that this man is far short of following these commands. **Jesus replies**, “**That is right!**” (9) and “**Do this and you will live forever in heaven.**” (10)

We need to love the Lord with all of our heart, soul, strength, and mind. Also, we need to love others as ourselves. Just as God loves us in all of those ways, we need to do the same to him and everyone else. Because of God’s love for us and his gift of Jesus, we are able to love God and others too. We can always count on him to help us love.

Key Point: God loves me!

Review Questions

Group A	Group B
Who wanted to meet Jesus? (a man)	What did the smart man want to do to Jesus? (Trick him.)
Was this man a smart man? (yes)	Was Jesus able to be tricked? (NO!) Why? (He is the Son of God; he is all-knowing.)
Did the man want to be kind and help Jesus? (no)	How should we love the Lord? (With our heart, soul, strength, and mind.)
Did the man want to trick Jesus? (yes)	How did Jesus say we are to love our neighbors? (As ourselves.)
The man asked what he should do so he could go where? (heaven)	How are we able to love God and others? (Because God loved us first.)
Who told us to “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself”? (Jesus)	How can you love the Lord with your heart, soul, strength, or mind? (We can love him in everything we do, with everything we think, and in how we live our lives.)