



Lesson 41

1st-4th

SERVING OTHERS WITH LOVE

May 31 & June 1
GOD IS LOVE



LESSON GOAL:

Background: In this passage, Paul reminds the Galatians they have been given the gift of freedom through Christ and no longer have to follow specific rules and laws. But he explains that we shouldn't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever we want. Instead, our response to this gift of freedom should be to serve others with love.

Lesson Goal: For kids to understand that God has given us one really important rule - to live a life of serving others with love.

Galatians 5:13-14

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Kids Camp (June 9-12)

woodmenvalley.org/kidscamp

THEME FOR THIS SERIES:

Baking Show



KEY VERSE:

"Love your neighbor as you love yourself."

Ephesians 5:14, NIRV

MISSION FOCUS:

Church In A Box

This month, we are helping friends in South Asia tell people about Jesus! We are giving them a special gift called a graduation kit to help them. This kit includes a blanket, a box of Bibles, a bongo (or drum) and a bicycle.

Our goal is to help 20 church planters, or leaders, get ready to tell others about God's love.

We want to raise **\$11,000**. Wow! That's a lot! Can you help us reach our goal? Let's pray for these leaders as they prepare to share God's love.



5:45-6:10pm
8:45-9:10am
10:45-11:10am

CHECK-IN

The goal of check-in is to greet parents/guardians and children by name and help them feel known and welcome.



I'm so glad to see you today, *(insert child/parent name)*!

Grab today's **Lesson Card**. Look up the Bible passage in your own Bible or a classroom Bible and leave your card there as a bookmark. Then, you can play with the classroom activities until we begin Explore time.

6:10-6:25pm
9:10-9:25am
11:10-11:25am

EXPLORE

The goal of Explore is to help kids connect relationally and think about the Bible story. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



DISCUSS: God is Love!

Help kids connect relationally by asking them about their week, then discuss the lesson topic for the day and read the Bible passage together.



Let's take turns sharing 3 words about our week. I'll go first!
Share your 3 words then invite the next child to share.



Today, we are learning about how **God is Love**. This story comes from the Bible in **Galatians 5:13-14**. Can you open your Bible to the passage with me so we can read it together?



Read the Bible passage aloud or pick a child to read it aloud.



CONNECT: Why Does It Matter?

Help kids prepare for the lesson by thinking through the Big 3 questions and how the lesson relates to them, personally.



SAY:

Let's answer THE BIG 3 questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!

1. Who is our story about today?

God and us

2. What is the problem?

We are given freedom in Christ but that doesn't mean we can live however we want

3. What will God do?

God teaches us to serve others with love

Encourage kids to think about why this matters and how they can apply it to their own life as they listen to the story!



MAKE: Poster

Help kids think about the lesson further and have fun by doing this activity!

Supplies: poster, markers/crayons/pencils, sticker, ink pads



DO:

Pass out one poster per child. Have them take the ink pads and place their handprints in a heart shape at the top of the poster, then have kids wash their hands or use wipes. Have kids write down/draw three ways they can love others the way God would want them to. Add God statement sticker to the poster.



SAY:

God is love! God gives us the gift of freedom and we are told to use for good. We should choose to love others and serve them in ways that are loving and kind. God wants us to serve and love others well, because He loves us! Let's make a craft to help us remember this truth.



CLEAN UP: Transition to Large Group

Ask kids to clean up the activity or save it to finish for the end of class. Then, ask kids to line up and/or transition to Large Group.



Craft Example

GOD IS LOVE!
MAKE A HEART HANDPRINT IN THE SPACE BELOW:



**I CAN SERVE OTHERS
WITH LOVE:**

GALATIANS 5:13-14

1 I CAN...	2 I CAN...	3 I CAN...
Share	Do dishes	water flowers
		

6:25-6:50pm
9:25-9:50am
11:25-11:50am

LARGE GROUP

The goal of Large Group is to help kids grow in their relationship with God by participating in Worship and hearing an engaging Bible story.



EXPECTATIONS

As kids transition to Large Group time, play the expectations video.



HOST MOMENT

After the Large Group expectations video is finished, the Host should welcome the kids in an engaging way and share the daily host content.



SAY:

Welcome! We're so glad you're here today! Let's take a few minutes to look at our Missions project for the day and our Key Verse.

MISSION FOCUS

Introduce or share an update about the current mission focus.

KEY VERSE

Introduce the key verse then have the kids watch the Key Verse video.

PRAY FOR WORSHIP & BIBLE LESSON



WORSHIP

Invite your Worship Leader to come up and play the worship song videos. Encourage kids to participate and be respectful to others.

SONG 1: I Could Sing of Your Love

SONG 2: Nobody



LESSON VIDEO

Play the daily Bible lesson video.



WORSHIP RESPONSE

Lead the kids through a quiet time of responding to what God is teaching them.



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.

May you know God's love for you and share that BIG love with everyone around you!



TRANSITION

After the blessing, the Host should dismiss the kids to return quietly to their classroom (if applicable) and transition to Respond.

WORSHIP RESPONSE



REFLECT: God Statement here!

Help kids reflect on the lesson by providing a quiet space for the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts as they think about how it applies to them personally.

Worship Response Station

Supplies: 2 heart stickers per kid



SAY:

We learned today what an amazing gift of freedom God has given us through Jesus Christ. Because of this, our response to this gift of freedom should be to serve others with love. Just as Jesus loved us so much that He died and rose again for us, we can share that same love with others through our actions and words! God is love!



DO:

- Ask the kids to quietly participate in the following activity. Say:
 - ***God loves us all SO much! What amazing thing did God do to show His love for us?*** Let kids respond - sent Jesus to save us from our sins.
 - ***This heart sticker reminds us of God's great love for us!*** Give each kid one heart sticker to put on themselves and have the kids say, ***"God loves me!"***
 - ***God also wants us to share His love with others! How can you show someone love today?*** Let kids share ideas.
 - ***Now, let's practice sharing God's love right now!***
 - Pass out 2nd heart sticker and invite kids to give it to someone sitting next to them.
 - ***As you give your friend the heart sticker, say "God loves you!"***
 - ***God is love! Let's share that love this week to everyone we see!***
- Close the time by praying over the kids.



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.



SAY:

May you know God's love for you and share that BIG love with everyone around you!

6:50-7:10pm
9:50-10:10am
11:50am-12:10pm

RESPOND

The goal of Respond is for kids to think about the lesson and how it applies to them. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



APPLY: Why Does it Matter?

Help kids process what they learned in the lesson by answering the Big 3 questions you asked at the beginning of class.



SAY:

Let's answer THE BIG 3 questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!

1. Who was our story about today?

God and us

2. What was the problem?

We are given freedom in Christ but that doesn't mean we can live however we want

3. What did God do?

God teaches us to serve others with love

4. Why does this matter to me?

I have freedom through Christ when I accept Jesus as my savior; I should use this freedom to make wise choices and serve others

5. How can I apply this to my own life?

Example: We can serve others with love using the freedom in Christ we have been given



PRAY: Connect Relationally

Help kids understand the power of praying together. Use the Prayer Tags from Check-In to write down prayer requests to take home and pray for during the week.



SAY:

Does anyone have a prayer request they'd like to share? You can also share with a leader privately, if you don't want to share aloud.



DO:

Invite kids to pray for each other, then the leader closes in prayer.

As parents
arrive after
service

CHECK-OUT

The goal of check-out is to re-connect kids with their parent and communicate any upcoming events or announcements as families leave.



DO:

Encourage kids to finish their activities or play classroom games until their parent comes to pick them up.

As kids get picked up, mention any announcements while handing them the announcement card and ensuring they take their weekly **Lesson Card**.