

God's Love Is Unconditional

MEMORY VERSE:

I John 4:7, *"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God."* (KJV)

TAKE HOME POINT:

God is love.

▶ TO THE TEACHER:

There are three points to this lesson:

1. God is love. Our behavior does not change God's love.
2. God's love is unconditional, it cannot be earned.
3. There is no end to God's love. There is plenty to go around.

God is love. The Bible says, "nothing can separate us from the love of God." Even if I sin or do bad things, God continues to love me. When I make mistakes He continues to believe the best of me. My behavior does not change the love of God. Nothing can change God's love, because God is love.

God's love is unconditional. The blessings of God are conditional. If I choose to obey God the Bible says I will be blessed. If I choose to disobey God, bad things will happen, but God does not cause bad things to happen. My actions caused the bad things to happen. The blessings of God are conditional, but God's love is unconditional. There is nothing I can do to earn God's love. Just like a parent loves a little baby, God loves us simply because we are His kids. A baby doesn't do anything to earn the love of his parents. We can't do anything to earn God's love.

There is no end to God's love. The Bible says "His mercy endures forever." God is omnipresent. He is not limited by space and time like our parents. There is no end to God, so there is no end to His love. His supply of love will never run out. If we see God do something good for somebody else we don't have to get jealous. There is plenty of His love to go around.



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LARGE GROUP SCHEDULE

Today's Date: _____

Lead Teacher: _____

| WHO | LESSON OUTLINE | WHAT |
|-------|------------------------------|---|
| _____ | 1. Participation Awards | |
| _____ | 2. Praise & Worship | |
| _____ | 3. Announcements | |
| _____ | 4. Offering | |
| _____ | 5. Motion Comic: | Adventures of the Masked Hero #1 |
| _____ | 6. Bottom Line: | God is love |
| _____ | 7. Memory Verse: | I John 4:7, "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God." |
| _____ | 8. Drama: | Not Too Bright: "God Has Cooties" |
| _____ | 9. Object Lesson: | Good & Plenty |
| _____ | 10. Short Film: | Lovestruck |
| _____ | 11. Inter-Active Lesson: | Make Me Laugh |
| _____ | 12. Digital Review Questions | |

MOTION COMIC

The Adventures of the Masked Hero

Agape: Episode #1

► TO THE TEACHER:

Goal: get the kids to laugh and introduce the lesson.

- At the conclusion of the Digital Comic Book, Johnny asks the question **“What is the Bottom Line?”** Words pop up one at a time. Encourage your kids to guess the Bottom Line as the words pop up.

- Next Commissioner Thornton asks the question **“What is the Memory Verse?”** Again words pop up one at a time.

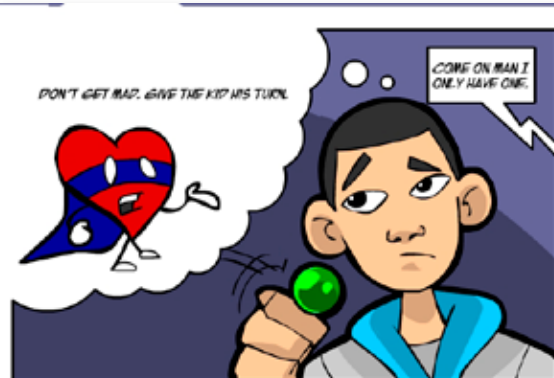
- It is motivating to reward the first child to guess the Bottom Line and Memory Verse.



Panel 1



Panel 2



Panel 3



Panel 4



DRAMA

Not Too Bright: "God Has Cooties"

TAKE HOME POINT:

God is love

CHARACTERS:

Not Too Bright
Teacher
Girl

PROPS:

Yellow dish gloves
Dust mask
Hair net or shower cap
Goggles
Flowers

Drama Script:

(Not Too Bright enters wearing his protective gear)

Teacher: Not Too Bright! What on earth are you wearing?

NTB: This is my protective gear!

Teacher: Protective gear? It looks like a bunch of junk!

NTB: Oh, no! This is state of the art equipment here! (Nods) Uh-huh! No cooties are gonna get this guy!

Teacher: Cooties?

NTB: Yup! And if you were as smart as me, you would buy some protective gear for yourself!

Teacher: I'm not going to waste my money on protective gear.

NTB: (Defensive) Well, you can't have mine!

Teacher: No! I'm not going to take yours either! I don't need gear to protect me from cooties! There are no such things as cooties!

NTB: Yes, there are! God has them!

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Not Too Bright: "God Has Cooties" Drama Script — Continued

Teacher: What?! Where did you hear that?

NTB: You said it!

Teacher: I never said that!

NTB: Yup! You said that God is love!

Teacher: That doesn't mean God has cooties!

NTB: Yes it does! Love is for little sissy girls! And girls have cooties! So that means if God is love that He has cooties!

Teacher: God is love does not mean that He has cooties! It means that He is everything that love is! God expresses all the characteristics of love!

NTB: Alright Mr. Smarty pants! What characteristics does love have?

Teacher: Love is patient. Love is kind. Love is not proud or rude. It does not seek its own will... (cut off by NTB)

NTB: And it has cooties!

Teacher: No it doesn't! Love is only good things!

NTB: And cooties! And since God is everywhere... (Growing panicked) The cooties must be everywhere too! This is a national emergency!

Teacher: Not Too Bright! God is love, and he has only good things for us! He is not going to infect us with cooties!

NTB: I can tell that you don't want my advice and superior insight on these things, so I am just going to leave!

Teacher: (Relieved) Ok. Goodbye then.

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Not Too Bright: "God Has Cooties" Drama Script — Continued

- NTB: You'll see! You'll all see! When the cooties come and you aren't prepared, you can't say I didn't warn you!
- Girl: (Stands up from the back of the classroom) Hey, Not Too Bright! (She crosses to the front of the room)
- NTB: Stay back little girl!
- Girl: But I wanted to show you God's love. So I got you this flower!
- Teacher: Well, that's nice.
- NTB: NO! STAY BACK!
- Teacher: She just wants to give you a flower.
- NTB: She just wants to give me cooties!
- Girl: (Approaches and puts the flower in his face) It smells really nice.
- NTB: No! (Runs away) Oh the cooties!
- Girl: (Runs after him) But God loves you!
- Teacher: (Laughs) Goodbye, Not Too Bright!

The End

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OBJECT LESSON *Good & Plenty*

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: James 1:17, Psalm 106:1

TAKE HOME POINT: God’s love is good and there is plenty to go around.

WHAT YOU NEED: 1 large box of Good and Plenty

SPECIAL NOTES:

- Our prayer is that every time they see Good and Plenty they think about how good God’s love is.
- In each lesson of Agape there is an object lesson that involves candy. The same candy is also in the short film. If you have the resources you can buy a small size of that specific candy for the kids to take home.

OBJECT LESSON APPLICATION:

(Hold up the large box of Good and Plenty - the bigger the better.)

When I was a kid one of my favorite candies was Good and Plenty. (Open the box of candy and begin to eat some.)

Mmmmm. This candy is go good, because it has licorice on the inside. (Continue to talk about how good the candy is, but do not give any to the kids - yet.)

Don’t you guys think this is good candy? Everytime I see Good and Plenty candy it reminds me of God’s love. God’s love is good and there is plenty to go around. The Bible says this “Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.” Do you know what mercy means? It means that God’s love and forgiveness has no end. There is nothing we can do to make God stop loving us. There is no sin that we can do that God can’t forgive, because God is love and His love endures forever.

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Good & Plenty Object Lesson — Continued

(Start to hand out candy as you preach.)

Do you remember what Jesus said about the men that nailed Him to the cross? How would you like to have been one of the guys that crucified the son of God, the kindest person that ever lived on the planet. That would be a horrible sin. What did Jesus say about them? “Father, forgive them for they don’t know what they are doing.” Is that how you would pray for someone who was killing you? I don’t think so. Most of us would try to call down fire from heaven to consume our enemy. How was Jesus able to forgive the people that murdered Him? There is no end to the love of God.

(At this point you want your box to be empty, but make sure some kids did not get any candy.)

Oh, my! I am out of Good and Plenty! It is all gone. That is a bummer. Some of you did not get any candy. The really good news is that God’s love never runs out like this box of candy did. There is no end to His love. There is always plenty to go around.



INTER-ACTIVE OBJECT LESSON

Make Me Laugh

- **WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:** *God's love is unconditional.*
- **WHAT YOU NEED:** 3 comedians - people that are funny, adults or kids. Let them know ahead of time what they will be doing.
- **PREPARATION:**
 - Select 2 boys and 2 girls to be contestants in the "Make Me Laugh" game.
 - Have the four contestants wait in the hallway and bring them in one at a time.
 - The comedians get 60 seconds to try and make the contestant laugh.
 - They can do anything they want, but they cannot touch the contestants.
 - The winner is the first kid who does not laugh and makes it through all three comedians.

SPIRITUAL APPLICATION:

You will want to talk about how hard it was to get the winner to laugh. It seemed like no matter what any of the comedians did, they couldn't get him to laugh. This reminds me of God's love. No matter what we do good or bad, God's love for us never changes because He is love. No matter what we did to the winner, we couldn't make him laugh. No matter what we do to God we can't make Him stop loving us.



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DIGITAL REVIEW QUESTIONS

NEEDED: Review Prizes (penny candy for right answers)

▶ TO THE TEACHER:

The **Digital Review Questions** are a part of "The Masked Hero" download.

Once you get to the Memory Verse, then **PAUSE** the video.

After you have done your teaching then **PLAY** the Digital Review Questions.

You can turn this into a **Review Game** by rewarding kids for correct answers.

1. God's love is _____.
a. understandable
b. unconditional
c. like shampoo and conditioner
d. unbelievable
2. The blessings of God are conditional.
a. True
b. False
c. Sometimes
d. Never
3. There is no _____ to God's love.
a. reason
b. understanding
c. end
d. beginning
4. God loves good people more than bad people.
a. True
b. False
c. If He feels like it
d. It depends on how bad they are
5. God is good and His ____ endures forever.
a. motorcycle
b. anger
c. mercy
d. temple



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PROP LIST (Props, supplies, costumes and characters)

_____ Participation Awards (Large candy bars or prizes)

_____ How many needed?

_____ Review Prizes (penny candy)

Not Too Bright: "God Has Cooties" — Pages 4-6

Characters

_____ Not Too Bright

_____ Teacher

_____ Girl

Props

_____ Yellow dish gloves

_____ Dust mask

_____ Hair net or shower cap

_____ Goggles

_____ Flower

Object Lesson: Your Will — Pages 7-8

_____ 1 large box of Good and Plenty

Inter-Active Lesson: Make Me Laugh — Page 9

No Props Needed

Small Group Club: Water is Water & God Is Love

_____ Ice cubes in a bowl

_____ Bottle of water

_____ How many needed

Special Edition: Pastoring Your Kids

_____ How many needed

FEATURED CANDY THIS WEEK:

- *Good and Plenty*
- *We suggest if you have the resources to purchase small boxes to give the children.*