

God's Love Is Unconditional AGAPE 2.0 . SMALL GROUP LESSON 1

3. SMALL GROUP Lesson

WATER IS WATER & GOD IS LOVE

PROPS NEEDED: Ice cubes in a bowl and a bottle of water

LESSON:

- Pass the bowl of ice cubes around the circle allowing the kids to each take an ice cube.
- As they are holding their ice cube they will start to melt.
- Show the kids the bottle of water. Explain that water is still water whether it is in a bottle or in frozen form like an ice cube.

POINT TO MAKE:

- Does anyone know anything else that is the form of water? (Allow them to respond- snow and steam)
- Even though water can come in several different forms, it's still all water.
- God shows us His love in different ways or "forms" just like the different forms of water.
- Everything that God does is an act of His love.
- God's love is love no matter what form it takes.

SPIRITUAL EXERCISE:

- Name the different aspects of God and talk about how it is his love toward us.
- Salvation, He gave His son.
- God's Word, our manual for life with His instructions in it.
- Correction: when we make mistakes He corrects us.

QUESTIONS TO ASK:

- I. What is your favorite form of water?
- Is there anything you can do to make God love you or not love you?
- 3. What are some ways that God shows you that He loves you?
- 4. Let's finish the sentence together, "God is _____"!

LESSON I

Club Hero Small Group Notes

SMALL GROUP

- I. Pre-Service Activity
- 2. Bible Time
- 3. Small Group Lesson
- 4. Activity Page
- 5. Dismiss

AGAPE 2.0: GOD'S LOVE IS UNCONDITIONAL

MEMORY VERSE:

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

BOTTOM LINE God is love.

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1. PRE-SERVICE Activity

- During the Pre-Service Activity, group leaders will direct conversation and games to help kids make friends at church.
- As a group leader you have the choice of Ice Breaker Questions or Game to use as the children arrive.

ICE BREAKER *Questions:*

Question #91:

- What is your favorite thing to do inside?
- Why?

Question #92:

- What is your favorite thing to do outside?
- Why?

ICE BREAKER <u>Game:</u>

"I Am"

- Have children sit in a circle. Pick one child to start the game by saying his/her name along with a word that describes them.
- The catch is the word they use has to start with the same letter as their name.
- For example, "My name is Fred and I am funny". The second child, has to repeat what the first child said and then add their name and the word that describes them. For example, "His name is Fred and he is funny, my name is Grant and I am goofy."
- Continue the game until you've made it around the entire circle.



2. BIBLE Time

READ THE BIBLE:

Ist-2nd Grade - Day by Day Bible: Pig Food (pages 311 & 312) 3rd Grade and up - NIV Bible: Luke 15:11-24

- Have each child read one verse out loud.
- Go around the room.
- This works best if everyone uses the same, easy-to-read translation of the Bible.

BIBLE STORY:

Pig Food

BIBLE CONNECTION:

There was a father who had two sons he loved very much. The younger son decided he wanted to take the money his father had saved for him and move out on his own. The son spent all his money, made bad choices and ended up eating with pigs. He decided to go home and hoped his father would accept him back. His father was so excited to see him he had a celebration for his return.

BIBLE QUESTIONS:

- . What happened to the son when he moved out? (he spent all his money and had to eat with pigs)
- 2. How is this story like Father God and us? (Father God represents the Father and we represent the Prodigal)
- What does it mean when we say God's love is unconditional? (it means he loves us the same whether we do something good or bad)

POINT TO MAKE: The son's father is just like the Father God. No matter what we do, even if we make a lot of bad choices, He always loves us. God's love is unconditional, that means that no matter what we do good or bad, He loves us the same.