



3. SMALL GROUP Lesson

I LOVE CHOCOLATE

PROPS NEEDED: A chocolate pudding cup, a mini chocolate bar, chocolate chips in a baggie, and M&M's in a baggie. (If you prefer you can show pictures of the different types of chocolate.)

LESSON:

- There are a lot of different things made with chocolate. What kind of chocolate is your favorite? (Allow them to respond)
- Some people like plain chocolate, like these chocolate chips (hold up chocolate chips) used to make chocolate chip cookies.
- Some people like the flavor of chocolate like this chocolate pudding cup (hold up the pudding cup).
- There are a lot of different kinds of candy made with chocolate, like these M&M's (hold up the M&M's) or in candy bars (hold up candy bar).
- Even though we can enjoy chocolate a lot of different ways and we can taste the flavor of chocolate in different foods, it all comes from one place, the cocoa plant.

POINT TO MAKE:

- God's love is a lot like chocolate. There are different types of love, but they all come from God.
- There are 4 main kinds of love that the Bible tells us about.
- Agape – God's love
- Phileo – Friendship love (like Jonathan and David)
- Storge – Affection (like giving someone a hug or giving your mom a kiss)
- Eros – Romantic love (like how your mom and dad love each other)

- Agape, the God kind of love, is the best love of all. It's the kind of love that gives, like when God gave His only son to die on the cross for us. All the other kinds of love come from God's love, just like all kinds of chocolate come from the cocoa plant. I love God more than chocolate, how about you?

PUT INTO PRACTICE:

- Decide now that you will love others the way He loved you.
- Is there someone who you need to change how you "love" them?

QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. What is your favorite kind of chocolate?
2. Can you name a friend that you love? How do you show them that you love them?
3. Can you give an example of God's love?
4. How can you show God's love?



Super Church 2.0 Small Group Notes

SMALL GROUP SCHEDULE

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

AGAPE FOUR KINDS OF LOVE

MEMORY VERSE:
John 13:34, "A new command I give you: love one another, as I have loved you, so you must also love one another..." (NIV)

BOTTOM LINE
Agape love is God's love.



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 #29:

- Who is your best friend?

Question #30:

- Why are they your best friend?

ICE BREAKER Game:

“I’ve Never”

- Have the children sit in a circle.
- Pick one child to start by saying their name and then saying something they have never done.
- For example, “My name is Joseph and I’ve never been to the ocean.” If anyone in the group has done what Joseph says he’s never done, they stand up and it becomes their turn to share something they have never done.
- Continue until everyone in the circle has named something they haven’t done and they are all standing.



2. BIBLE Time

READ THE BIBLE:

1st-2nd Grade - Day by Day Bible: A Friend & A Spear (pages 59 & 60)

3rd Grade and up - NIV Bible: 1 Samuel 18:1-6

- 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:

A Good Friend

BIBLE CONNECTION:

After David defeated Goliath he went to live with King Saul. He lived in the King’s home to learn how to become a soldier. Jonathan was King Saul’s son, he really liked David. Jonathan and David became best friends. They loved each other so much that they made a promise that they would do anything for each other – just like brothers.

BIBLE QUESTIONS:

1. Who did David become best friends with? (Jonathan, the King’s son)
2. What did David and Jonathan love each other like? (brothers)
3. How did David and Jonathan prove they loved each other? (they made a promise to do anything for each other)

POINT TO MAKE: *Jonathan and David had the “Phileo” type of love for each other which is the friendship kind of love.*