



# 3. SMALL GROUP Lesson

## SOFT HEARTS

**PROPS NEEDED:** Double Bubble - bubble gum, enough for each child to have one piece.

### LESSON:

- Pass out a piece of Double Bubble to each child. Have them hold their gum (still in the wrapper).
- How does the piece of gum feel? (allow them to respond)
- Now, let them open their gum and start to chew it.
- Talk about how hard the piece of gum feels in their mouth. Then have everyone to try blowing a bubble!

### POINT TO MAKE:

- This bubble gum is a lot like our hearts. Without God, our hearts are hard and are filled with hate.
- When Jesus comes into our hearts, He completely changes them! Jesus takes our hard hearts and adds God's love to them so they become soft.
- You can't do very much with hard gum because you need it to be soft to use it and blow a bubble.
- God can't do much with a hard heart, but when we accept Jesus our heart become soft with God's love.

### PUT INTO PRACTICE:

- Decide today that you are going to let God change your heart!
- Accept Jesus into your heart and He will make it soft and fill it with God's love. Share God's love with others!

### QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. Have you ever had a really hard piece of gum that you tried to chew?
2. Did you have to chew it a long time so you could blow a bubble?
3. Do you know someone who has a hard heart towards God?
4. What can you do if you know someone with a hard heart? (pray for them, pray with them)



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 AGAPE LOVE IS INSIDE US

**MEMORY VERSE:**  
**Romans 5:5**, "...God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit..." (NIV)

**BOTTOM LINE**  
Agape Love Is Inside Us



## 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 #395:

- What is your favorite type of fruit?

#### Question #30:

- What is your first memory?

### ICE BREAKER Game:

#### “PASS THE BALL”

PROPS NEEDED: A ball.

- Have the kids sit in a circle (either in chairs or on the floor). Give the ball to one child to start the game. Have him/her say their name and then throw the ball to someone in the circle.
- The person who catches the ball should say the name of the person who threw the ball, then their own name, and then throw it to someone else in the circle. Repeat until every child has a chance to catch and throw the ball.
- After all the kids know each other's names, you can repeat the game (if time allows) with animals, favorite sports teams, video games or something the kids in your small group like.



## 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: 7-12; 19:1-9

#### Please Note:

This Bible story is a continuation from last week. Please read the section below for the specific part of the story to concentrate on.

- 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: Dodging A Spear

#### BIBLE CONNECTION:

While David lived in the Palace, he would play the harp for King Saul. One day, King Saul was in a bad mood and picked up a spear and threw it at David. Saul had made up his mind he wanted to kill David. He missed and David fled the palace. David was upset by this but he did not follow his feelings, he chose not to get back at Saul.

### BIBLE QUESTIONS:

1. Why did Saul try to kill David? (He allowed himself to get in bad moods and he decided he did not want David around)
2. What did David do when King Saul tried to kill him? (he escaped the spear and fled the palace)
3. Why did David leave? (he chose not to follow his feelings and get back at King Saul)

**POINT TO MAKE:** David still loved King Saul, even though he tried to kill him. There are times when you don't feel like loving someone, but God's love is in us and we have the ability to not follow our own feelings, but follow after God's love.