

# Agape Love Is Inside Us

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

**TAKE HOME POINT:** Agape love is inside us.

**▶ TO THE TEACHER:**

There are three things to know about God's love in us.

1. Our heart changes when we get saved.
2. We have the God kind of love inside of us.
3. There are no excuses.

**Our heart changes when we get saved.** The Bible says, "We know we have passed from death to life because we love the brethren." Before we were born again our hearts were hard. We did not have the ability to love like God loves. When we ask Jesus to come inside of us, the Holy Spirit softens our heart. We now have the ability to love like God loves.

**We have the God kind of love inside of us.** The Bible says, "God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit." There are times in life when we don't feel like walking in love. We might be really angry with somebody that just hurt us and we want to punish them. This is when we need to walk by faith and not by how we feel. If we are a child of God then we do have the ability to love like God loves. His agape love is inside of us. We need to put down our feelings and choose to walk in love.

**There are no excuses.** You do have God's love inside of you, so there are no excuses. If we are walking in the spirit then we are walking in love. Any step out of love is a step toward the flesh. Make the choice to walk in love today. You can do it.





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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 #3
_____	6. Bottom Line:	Agape love is Inside Us
_____	7. Memory Verse:	Romans 5:5, "...God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit..." (NIV)
_____	8. Drama:	Dr. Rubenstein: "The Love Is On The Inside"
_____	9. Object Lesson:	Tootsie Pops
_____	10. Short Film:	Saul Of Tarsus High School
_____	11. Inter-Active Lesson:	Let Your Love Shine
_____	12. Digital Review Questions	

MOTION COMIC

# The Adventures of the Masked Hero

## Agape: Episode #3

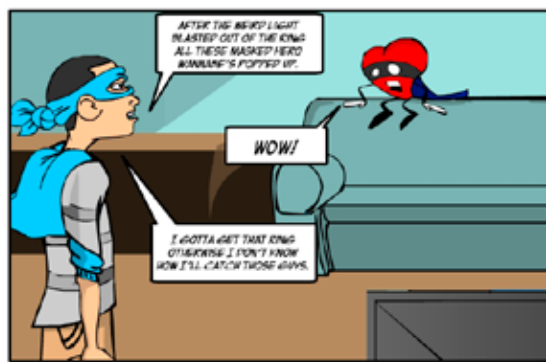
► TO THE TEACHER:

**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**

***Dr. Rubenstein:  
"The Love Is On The Inside"***

**TAKE HOME POINT:** God's Love is in us.

**CHARACTERS:** Dr. Rubenstein  
Junior

**PROPS:** Dr. Rubenstein Costume  
Hospital gown  
Table  
Sheet  
Saw

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**Drama Script:**

(A table with a sheet covering it sits just left of center)

(Dr Rubenstein enters. He is leading Junior)

Teacher: Today, we have an old friend, Dr. Rubenstein, here to do an object lesson. Doctor, why don't you tell us what you are going to be doing today.

Dr. R: Today, boys and girls, I am going prove to you that God's love is in us!

Teacher: That's the perfect object lesson! Today's bottom line is "God's Love is in us!"

Dr. R: I have with me today my highly trusted assistant Junior, and he is allowing us to use him as our object lesson. Junior, if you would take your position please.

(Junior lies on the table)

Teacher: This is exciting!

Dr. R: Yes! It is exciting, indeed! Today, we will prove to the world that God's love is real... (Pulls a saw out from behind the table)

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## ***Dr. Rubenstein "The Love Is On The Inside" Drama Script — Continued***

- Teacher: (Nervous) What is the saw for?
- Dr. R: The extraction, of course! (Positions the saw as if he is about to cut Junior open)
- Teacher: (Alarmed) Wait! The extraction of what?
- Dr. R: The extraction of God's love in Junior! (Positions the saw as if he is about to cut Junior open)
- Teacher: Wait! It's a good thing to have God's love in us. Don't you think Junior might want to keep it in him?
- Dr. R: We're going to put it back, silly! (Positions the saw as if he is about to cut Junior open)
- Teacher: Wait!
- Dr. R: (Growing annoyed by the constant interruptions) What?
- Teacher: Well... It's just that we know that God's love is in there. Why do we need to take it out anyways?
- Dr. R: To prove that God's love is real and in us!
- Teacher: We don't really need to prove anything. This is a scientific break through!
- Dr. R: There are a lot of people who don't feel like God's love is in them because they don't feel very loving! (Positions the saw as if he is about to cut Junior open)
- Teacher: Wait! You can't cut someone open and pull out God's love in them!
- Dr. R: And why not?
- Teacher: Because you can't see it or feel it. You just have to receive it by faith!

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## ***Dr. Rubenstein "The Love Is On The Inside" Drama Script — Continued***

- Dr. R: Oh. Then we will have to take it out by the faith! (Positions the saw as if he is about to cut Junior open) Start praying, pastor, and I will cut!
- Teacher: No! That won't work either!
- Dr. R: (Annoyed) How are the people who feel like they don't have love going to see and believe the love of God if we never pull it out to look at it?
- Teacher: We can just show it to them!
- Dr. R: Very well! We will show them! (Positions the saw as if he is about to cut Junior open) I do wish you would make up your mind already!
- Teacher: No! We don't need to show them by extracting it. We show it by putting God's love in action. When we act in love, the unbelieving world will see God's love in us.
- Dr. R: Are you sure about this?
- Teacher: Yes! Jesus even said that the world would know that we are His disciples by our love for one another.
- Dr. R: Well since it's in the Bible...
- Teacher: It is... (Takes the saw and sets it on the table)
- Dr. R: Then I guess it's probably not a good idea to open Junior up in search of God's love.
- Teacher: Nope, because you can't find God's love that way.
- Dr. R: (Picks up the saw and positions it as if he is about to cut Junior open) But since we are here, we can see what we can find.
- Teacher: WAIT!!!

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***Dr. Rubenstein "The Love Is On The Inside" Drama Script — Continued***

Dr. R:           What?

(Junior jumps up and runs out of the classroom)

Dr. R:           Oh! There goes my trusted assistant! Sorry. I guess my object lesson failed. Maybe I can try again next time! (Follows after Junior)

Teacher:       (Hesitant) Yeah... Maybe next time...

*The End*



**OBJECT LESSON** *Tootsie Pops*

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Romans 5:5

**TAKE HOME POINT:** Jesus will soften our hearts.

**WHAT YOU NEED:** • 1 Tootsie Pop

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

- Buy enough Tootsie Pops to hand out to the kids after class.

**OBJECT LESSON APPLICATION:**

(Hold up a Tootsie Pop.)

What do I have in my hand?

(Ask another child or teacher to come up and help you.)

This Tootsie Pop reminds me of myself. (Ask your volunteer to unwrap the Tootsie Pop and put it in his/her mouth.)

Before I was a Christian I was hard like this Tootsie Pop. I did a lot of bad things. Things that the Bible calls sin. (Talk about yourself before you knew Jesus. While talking, from time to time check on the Tootsie Pop that your volunteer is eating.)

(Continue to talk about your salvation experience. How did you find the Lord? Talk about how your heart changed when you were born again. The goal is that the sucker part of the Tootsie Pop is gone by the time you finish your testimony.)

After getting saved, the Holy Spirit softened my heart (hold up the Tootsie Pop, sucker part should be gone exposing the soft Tootsie Roll.).

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## *Tootsie Pops Object Lesson — Continued*

The love of God was poured into my heart by the Holy Ghost. You know we all have this agape love inside of us, just like every Tootsie Pop has a Tootsie Roll inside of it. Sometimes you don't feel like walking in love just like sometimes you can't see the Tootsie Roll in a Tootsie Pop, but you know it's there.

If someone says mean words to you, you may not feel like walking in the love of God, but you trust the agape love of God is inside of you. You can choose to walk in love even when you don't feel like it. It's easy to love the people who are nice to us. It's hard to love our enemies, but that is when we need to use the agape love the Holy Spirit gave us.

(Pass out Tootsie Pops to all the kids and remind them that they have Agape love inside of them.)



## INTER-ACTIVE OBJECT LESSON

## *Let Your Love Shine*

- ▶ **WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:** *When you walk in love you let your light shine.*
- ▶ **WHAT YOU NEED:**
  - 4 cupcakes
  - 4 trick birthday candles (the kind that won't blow out)
- ▶ **INSTRUCTIONS:**
  - Select 4 contestants to play the game.
  - Put a cupcake with a trick candle on a table in front of each volunteer.
  - Tell the kids whoever blows out his candle first wins the game.
  - Light the candles and count to three.
  - The candles will keep re-lighting.

### **SPIRITUAL APPLICATION:**

No one was able to blow out their candle. Well, it's because they were trick candles, not because no one had enough hot air. But the point is, we should be like these candles with our love walk. When people put us down or say mean things to us, we should say nice things back to them. Don't let other people decide how you are going to act. You have God's love inside of you. You can choose to walk in love even when other people are mean to you. When you do walk in love, you are letting your light shine.



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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. Romans 5:5 says, “God has poured out His \_\_\_\_ in our hearts.”
  - a. wrath
  - b. faith
  - c. hope
  - d. love**
2. Our heart changes when \_\_\_\_.
  - a. we get saved**
  - b. we get lots of money
  - c. we get good grades
  - d. we go to Disney World
3. What should we do when somebody says mean things to us?
  - a. Make them pay
  - b. Ignore them
  - c. Walk in love**
  - d. Say mean things back to them
4. Every Christian has agape love inside of them.
  - a. True**
  - b. False
  - c. If they are filled with the Holy Spirit
  - d. When they go to church
5. What should we do if we have a hard heart?
  - a. Go to Taco Bell
  - b. Get born again**
  - c. Jump up and down
  - d. Cry a lot



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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)

### Dr. Rubenstein: "The Love Is On The Inside" — Pages 4-7

#### Characters

\_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Rubenstein

\_\_\_\_\_ Junior

#### Props

\_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Rubenstein costume

\_\_\_\_\_ Hospital gown

\_\_\_\_\_ Table

\_\_\_\_\_ Sheet

\_\_\_\_\_ Saw

### Object Lesson: Tootsie Pops — Pages 8-9

\_\_\_\_\_ 1 Tootsie Pop

### Inter-Active Lesson: Let Your Love Shine — Page 10

\_\_\_\_\_ 4 cupcakes

\_\_\_\_\_ 4 trick birthday candles (the kind that won't blow out)

### Small Group Club: Soft Hearts

\_\_\_\_\_ Double Bubble bubble gum

\_\_\_\_\_ How many needed

### Special Edition: Pastoring Your Kids

\_\_\_\_\_ How many needed

### FEATURED CANDY THIS WEEK:

- *Tootsie Pops*
- *We suggest if you have the resources to purchase small boxes to give the children.*