



SUPERCHURCH 2.0

Selfishness Is Absorbed In God's Love

MEMORY VERSE:

I Corinthians 13:5, "...love does not insist on its own rights or its own way..." (AMP)

TAKE HOME POINT:

Love is never selfish.

TO THE TEACHER:

There are two points we will cover concerning agape love.

1. Human love is selfish.
2. God's love is never selfish.

Human love can be selfish. It is normal for us to put ourselves first and to think about our own needs. This is why we need God's love. Agape love is a supernatural love. It is not normal and does not act or react normally. When someone is mean to us by their words or actions we naturally want to fight back. But we have a choice. We don't have to retaliate. We can choose to walk in love.

God's love is NEVER selfish. Jesus told us to love one another the same way that He loved us. If we walk in love we will not be selfish. We will think of others first and share our toys. The Bible says to "prefer one another". That means to put others before yourself. If you put others first it can seem like you are giving yourself the shaft. It seems like "I lose if I walk in love." But the Bible says "love always wins". If you put others first then other people will put you first. If you are nice to people then people will be nice to you. It is called the law of "sowing and reaping."



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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 #4
_____	6. Bottom Line:	Love is never selfish
_____	7. Memory Verse:	I Corinthians 13:5, "...love does not insist on its own rights or its own way..." (AMP)
_____	8. Drama:	Martha Stewie: "My Design"
_____	9. Object Lesson:	Chocolate Selfishness
_____	10. Short Film:	Hershey's Hugs & Kisses
_____	11. Inter-Active Lesson:	Stop The Gravity Please
_____	12. Digital Review Questions	

MOTION COMIC

The Adventures of the Masked Hero
Agape: Episode #4

▶ 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

Martha Stewie: "My Design"

TAKE HOME POINT: When you think of others you are not being selfish.

CHARACTERS: Martha Stewie
Moving Guy

PROPS: Martha Stewie costume
Moving Guy costume
Boxes
Doily
Vase of flowers

Drama Script:

(Martha Stewie enters from the back of the classroom carrying a doily. The moving man enters behind her clumsily carrying 3 large boxes and a vase of flowers)

Martha: (Crossing to center stage) The boxes can go over there. That is where my desk is going to be.

Teacher: Desk?

Martha: And those flowers can come over here and sit right on this lovely doily! (Places the doily on the podium) This is going to make a divine new office!

Teacher: New office? Martha, what are you doing with all of this stuff?

Martha: This is going to be my new office! Isn't that wonderful! I will get to see you boys and girls every week!

Teacher: Martha! That is not a good idea at all! Why are you moving your office into the Children's Ministry!

Martha: My old office was not working out too well. I had to share it with some other people.

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Martha Stewie "My Design" Drama Script — Continued

Teacher: Sharing is good.

Martha: But they didn't like some of the things I was doing to our space.

Teacher: What sort of things didn't they like?

Martha: They didn't like when I threw out all of the white paper in the copy machine and replaced it with beautiful mauve lace.

Teacher: Mauve? Isn't that like pink?

Martha: (Condescending) It's a light purple, not pink!

Teacher: Well, I wouldn't like that either. Purple lace doesn't seem very practical for a copy machine.

Martha: Well! It doesn't end there, though!

Teacher: Oh? What else didn't they like?

Martha: They got all bent out of shape when I got rid of that hideous water cooler and got a dainty little tea pot in its place. And they practically revolted when I reupholstered the office chairs with a minty-green suede.

Teacher: Well I think I can see where they... (Cut off by Martha)

Martha: But the final straw was when I had the snack machine hauled off to the garbage dump and installed a kitchen equipped with all the tools and ingredients for baking homemade cookies.

Teacher: How did they respond to that?

Martha: They got mad, so I left! I can't imagine why they got so mad!

Teacher: Did you ever think that they may not like those things in their offices?

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Martha Stewie “My Design” Drama Script — Continued

Martha: That shouldn't matter!

Teacher: Why not?

Martha: Because I like all of those things!

Teacher: That sounds a little selfish to me.

Martha: They are being selfish! I'm glad that someone finally understands me!

Teacher: No, Martha! They aren't being selfish. You are!

Martha: I beg your pardon! If they were walking in love, they would have let me have my way!

Teacher: Love works both ways though. Did you ever consider that you were the one insisting that you get your own way?

Martha: Well, I deserve to get my way! I love them by tolerating their horrid taste in interior design, and their putrid odor! They smell almost as bad as these boys!

Teacher: Martha that is not true love. True love does not always have to get its own way. Maybe you should try to see what they want, and do some things their way.

Martha: Oh, I can't do that. My way is the right way! And I couldn't live with myself if I allowed things to be done wrong!

Teacher: With that attitude, it looks like you just need to move your office to a place where there are no other people.

Martha: (Excited) Is there really a place like that?

Teacher: Umm... There are usually not too many people in the girl's bathroom.

Martha: (Gasps) That sounds delightful! (Grabs flowers and doily) I have always thought the stalls would look beautiful if they were painted a shade of baby blue!

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Martha Stewie “My Design” Drama Script — Continued

Martha: (Excitedly crosses to the exit) Moving guy! The boxes! To the girl’s room!

Teacher: (To the students) I don’t think this is going to work out too well.

(Martha and Moving Guy exit the classroom)

The End



OBJECT LESSON *Chocolate Selfishness*

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: I Corinthians 13:5

TAKE HOME POINT: God’s love is never selfish.

WHAT YOU NEED: 1 Bag of Chocolate Kisses

SPECIAL NOTES:

- Buy enough Chocolate Kisses to hand out to the kids after lesson.

OBJECT LESSON APPLICATION:

(Keep the bag of Chocolate Kisses hidden until you are ready to teach the lesson.)

Look what I brought to class today. (Show the bag of candy, open and take out one Chocolate Kiss.) I love chocolate. Do you know what these Chocolate Kisses remind me of? God’s love!

God loved me so much that He gave me this candy. (Begin to eat the candy and act like you don’t intend to share any of it.)

Thank You Jesus for my Chocolate Kisses. They taste so good. Let’s think about God’s love. What are some ways to show God’s love. (Allow for response. Someone may suggest that you share your candy. But if not, have one of your assistants make this suggestion.)

Share my Chocolate Kisses! You want me to share my chocolate. But these are my Chocolate Kisses that God gave

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Chocolate Selfishness Object Lesson — Continued

to me . I don't want to share them. (Someone may mention that you are being selfish.)

You are right. God's love is never selfish and I am being selfish right now. I don't want to be selfish. I want to walk in love. I am going to share my candy with you. This is how I can show God's love - by sharing my candy.

Ask kids to talk about ways that they have been tempted to be selfish.

(Give everyone a Chocolate Kiss.)

**INTER-ACTIVE
OBJECT LESSON*****Stop The Gravity Please***

➤ **WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:** *If you put others first, then others will put you first. It is a spiritual law.*

➤ **WHAT YOU NEED:** 2 red apples

INSTRUCTIONS:

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- Select 2 volunteers to participate in the game.
 - Ask each child to throw their apple up in the air as high as possible, without touching the ceiling, and then catch it.
 - Give a prize to the child who throws it the highest.
 - Select 2 more contestants and have them do the same thing.
 - Take the two winners and tell them you will give them \$100 for the winner of the next round, but this time they have to turn off gravity and have their apples float in the air.

SPIRITUAL APPLICATION:

Have you ever tried to turn off gravity? It can't be done. The law of gravity says, "What goes up must come down." (Throw the apple up in the air.) Do you think our last contestants wanted to turn off gravity for a minute? Of course they did. They wanted to win \$100. It doesn't matter how bad they wanted to stop the gravity they couldn't do it.

There is a spiritual law that says, "Whatsoever a man sows he shall also reap." If I put others first, if I prefer my brother, then my brother will prefer me. If I share my candy with other people they will share their candy with me. That is why God tells us to put others first. He is not trying to take stuff away from us, He wants to bless us.

The law of sowing and reaping is a spiritual law. Whatever you do to other people (good or bad) will be done back to you. So walk in love and be nice to people and they will be nice to you.



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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. 1 Corinthians 13:5 says, "Love does not ____."
a. eat lots of bananas
b. kick the neighbor's cat
c. draw on the wall with a Sharpie
d. insist on its own rights
2. Human love is ____.
a. purple
b. good
c. selfish
d. smelly
3. God's love is ____.
a. never selfish
b. unreachable
c. impossible
d. mooshy gooshy
4. If we walk in love what happens?
a. We always lose
b. People will love us back
c. We won't have any toys
d. People will be mean to us
5. What does it mean to "prefer one another"?
a. Help friends with their homework
b. Share your toys
c. Put others first
d. All of the above



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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)

Martha Stewie: "My Design" — Pages 4-7

Characters

_____ Martha Stewie

_____ Moving Guy

Props

_____ Martha Stewie Costume

_____ Moving Guy costume

_____ Boxes

_____ Doily

_____ Vase of flowers

Object Lesson: Chocolate Selfishness — Pages 8-9

_____ Bag of Chocolate Kisses

Inter-Active Lesson: Stop The Gravity Please — Page 10

_____ 2 red apples

Small Group Club: How Do You Spell "Ish"?

_____ The letters M-Y-S-E-L-F-I-S-H each on a piece of paper

_____ A bag of individually wrapped candy

_____ How many needed

Special Edition: Pastoring Your Kids

_____ How many needed

FEATURED CANDY THIS WEEK:

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