



Unit 1

GROUP TIME WITH BONUS TEACHING IDEAS

SESSION 2

MOVE TO GROUP TIME. Invite the kids to take a Bible with them to the group-time area and to be seated with the Bibles in their laps.

SHOW KIDS THE GOSPEL

WORD CARD. Read the definition. Emphasize that the “gospel” is the good news about Jesus and the word *Gospels* also refers to the division title of the first four books of the New Testament.

PLAY A BIBLE GAME. Roll the “Activity Cube.” Lead kids to use their Bibles to do the Bible skill action called for on the cube. Play several rounds until kids have done every Bible skill action on the cube at least once.

PLAY “FOLLOW THE LEADER.”

Ask kids to stand in a circle, facing inward. Choose a child to be the leader. Encourage him to do actions such as jumping, stretching, shaking, and so forth for the other kids to do with him. After a few minutes, call out: “New leader!” Select someone else for the kids to follow.

TELL THE BIBLE STORY. Ask kids to listen for what Jesus taught others. Open the Bible to Matthew 5 and Mark 12. Tell the Bible story in your own words with the Bible on your lap.

Jesus Taught to Love One Another Matthew 5:1-2,43-48; Mark 12:28-31

Jesus was sitting on the side of a mountain. A crowd of people had gathered around Him and His disciples. Jesus taught the people about God’s love.

Jesus said, “You have been told to love your neighbor and to hate your enemies. But I tell you to love your enemies and pray for those who treat you unfairly.”

Jesus also said, “God makes the sun to rise on both good and bad people. He sends the rain to those who love Him and to those who don’t.” Jesus went on to say that we show that we are God’s children by loving the people who seem unlovable.

Another time when Jesus was teaching, a man asked Him, “Which commandment is the most important one?”

Jesus answered, “The most important one is to love God with all your heart, your soul, your mind, and your strength.”

Jesus then said, “The second most important commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself. These are the greatest commandments.”

REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY. Point to the teaching picture. Ask the kindergartners to take turns telling what is happening in the picture and some of the things Jesus taught the people in the Bible story.

READ THE WEEKLY VERSE. Open the Bible to the marked page and read Mark 12:31. Lead the kids to make the sign for *love* (cross arms in front of body) as they say the verse with you several times.

SING TOGETHER. Sing to the tune of “Mary Had a Little Lamb”:

Jesus taught to love others, love others, love others,*

Jesus taught to love others, as you love yourself.

**Sing again substitute these words for love: help, serve, pray for.*

MAKE A CHRIST CONNECTION.

Tell kindergartners that Jesus loved everyone He met. He wants all people to know about God and His love. Say the Life Point: “Jesus taught to love one another.” Invite a child to tape the Life Point to the banner.

SING A SONG. Lead the kids in singing “Jesus Taught Us How to Live.”

TELL THE BIBLE STORY TOGETHER.

Ask a child to tell a few sentences about where Jesus was. Then lead the child to his left to pick up the story with a few sentences. Continue until the kids have repeated the Bible story.

PRAY. Thank God for sending Jesus to teach us how to love one another.

WRAP IT UP. Show the “Jesus Taught to Love One Another” video.