



Week 3 - Explaining Christ's Love

Lesson Overview

Description: This week, kids will learn how to talk about Jesus' love to others, using their words to share the good news of His love and salvation. The challenge activities this week are all focused on how we can explain the love of God to others.

Scripture Reference: Luke 15:3-7 and Romans 5:8

Learning Objective: By the end of this week, kids will be able to explain Jesus' love to others in their own words.

Memory Verse: John 13:34b Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.

Today's Point: Loving Jesus means telling others about Him.

Bible Lesson Video:

▶ [One Lost Sheep | God's Story](#)

February Songs:

▶ [Love One Another \(Yancy/Body Worship\) - Kidspring Worship](#)

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Schedule:

Warm Up Question (3 min.):

What is one thing you would be most upset about if you lost it?

Review Classroom Rules (3 min.)

Review giving and collect offerings (2 min.)

Review point and Key verse: (5 min.)

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Play Songs (6 Min.)

Introduction & Group Game: Pass the Message of Love (6 min.)

SUPPLIES & SETUP:

- Seating Arrangement: Chairs or cushions for participants to sit in a circle.
- Whispered Message: Pre-written short and simple sentences about Jesus' love on index cards. This is for the teacher to reference and ensure consistency when restarting the game. Examples: "Jesus loves each of us unconditionally." "Jesus is always there to guide and protect us." "Jesus' love is like a shining light in the darkness." "Jesus loves us so much." "He died for us."
- Notebook and Pen: For the teacher to jot down the final message relayed back by the last participant, especially if you want to compare several rounds.
- Quiet Background: Ensure that the room or area is quiet enough for whispers to be audible to the next person.

TEACHER: Good morning, everyone! It's so great to see all of your smiling faces here today. This week, we have a very exciting lesson planned! We're going to talk about a very special kind of love.

- Can anyone guess whose love we're talking about? Yes, you've got it! We're going to be talking about Jesus' love.

But we're not just going to talk about it amongst ourselves. We will learn how to share the good news of Jesus' love with others! Are you ready for an exciting journey?

Now, let's start with a fun group game. This game is called "**Pass the Message of Love.**" We're going to sit in a big circle. I will whisper a sentence about Jesus' love into the ear of the person next to me. They will then pass the message to the next person, and so on, until the message gets back to me. **The trick is that you have to whisper, and you can only say the message once!** When the message comes back to me, I'll say it aloud, and we'll see how close it is to the original message!

TEACHER: Wasn't that fun? Now, imagine this is what we are doing when we share Jesus' love with others - we are passing on the beautiful message of His love. And this week, we'll learn how to do just that!

I can't wait to start this week's lesson with you all. Let's dive in and learn about the amazing love of Jesus and how we can share it with the world!

Object Lesson: The Love Letter (4 min.)

Materials Needed: An envelope, a blank piece of paper, and a pen.

TEACHER: Today, we're going to do something a little bit different. I have here an envelope, a piece of paper, and a pen. What can we do with these items? Yes, we can write a letter!

Now, imagine that this letter is going to someone who has never heard about Jesus. What would you want to tell them about Jesus' love? Let's think about it and write down some ideas. (The teacher writes down a few responses from the students like "Jesus loves us unconditionally," "Jesus died for our sins," "Jesus' love is forgiving and patient," etc.)

These are all amazing points! Now, this piece of paper with all these beautiful truths about Jesus' love is in our hands. But what good does it do if it stays with us? It needs to be shared, right?

(The teacher puts the paper in the envelope and seals it.)

Just like this letter, the message of Jesus' love is not meant to stay with us. It is meant to be shared with others.

This week, we'll learn how to explain Jesus' love to others in our own words, just like how we came up with what to put in this love letter. It may not always be easy, but remember, you deliver the most beautiful news in the world - the message of Jesus' love!

Bible Story: The Parable of the Lost Sheep (15 min.)

TEACHER: Today, we will talk about a special story that Jesus told. It's a story about a shepherd and his sheep. This is called the Parable of the Lost Sheep.

Watch Bible Story Video

READ: Luke 15:3-4

TEACHER: So, the shepherd in our story has 100 sheep, but he loses one. Can you imagine having 100 sheep? That's a lot, isn't it?

- Now, let's think about this - if you had 100 sheep and lost one, would you leave the 99 in the open field and go after the lost one? (Allow time for responses.)

TEACHER: It seems strange, doesn't it? Why would the shepherd leave the 99 to go after just one? Well, let's see what happens next.

READ: Luke 15:5-6

TEACHER: The shepherd found his lost sheep! And he is so happy, he puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.'

READ: Luke 15:7

TEACHER: And Jesus tells us that there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

What this means is each one of us is like that lost sheep. And Jesus is like the shepherd. He loves us so much that he would leave everything behind to find us, to bring us back to Him.

Just like the shepherd in the story who wants to share his happiness with his friends and neighbors, Jesus wants us to share His love with others.

This is the whole reason God sent Jesus to Earth.

READ: Romans 5:8

Isn't it amazing to think about how much Jesus loves us? The more we understand this love, the harder it will be to keep quiet about it. Let's remember to share that love, just like we learned in the parable today.

Review the ABC's of Salvation

- Have the students practice telling a partner the ABC's.

Does anyone have any questions about the story or about Jesus' love? (Allow time for discussion and questions.)

It's been wonderful sharing this story with you all. Remember, Jesus' love is something to be shared. Let's keep that in mind as we go about our week!

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CROSSTOWN ONLY: Discussion Questions & Prayer

LEADER: Let's review what we learned. Remember, there's no right or wrong answer - we're all here to learn and grow together.

- Why did the shepherd go look for the lost sheep?
- How can we help Jesus look for lost people?
- How can we use our own words to share about Jesus' love?

- Can you think of someone in your life you could explain Jesus' love to? How might you do it?

LEADER: Those were some thoughtful responses, guys! Now, does anyone have any prayer requests? We're here to support each other, so don't be shy. (After gathering prayer requests) Let's bow our heads and close with a simple prayer.

KONNECT AND CROSSTOWN:

The 28-Day Kindness Challenge: Week 3 Introduction (2 min.)

LEADER: Can you believe we're already starting Week 3 of our challenges? Time flies when we're growing in love and kindness. But first, let's take a moment to look back at last week.

- Who can share one thing they learned from the Week 2 Kindness Challenge?

(Allow a few kids to share. Provide examples from your own experience of the challenge items this week as needed.)

I loved hearing your stories about helping in your communities, showing kindness to siblings, and even helping out in your classrooms. Jesus' love is shining brightly through each one of you. Remember, even small acts of kindness can make a big difference. Each one of you has done a fantastic job!

This week, we're focused on explaining Christ's love to others. It's wonderful to be a witness of kindness and do works of kindness, but telling others about God's love is so very important, too!

Are you all excited about the Week 3 challenges? Remember, it's not about how big or small the act is; it's the love and kindness behind it that counts. Let's continue to spread love everywhere we go, just like Jesus wants us to.

Kindness Challenge: Week 3 - Word (Explaining Christ's Love):

Sunday: Share a Bible story about Jesus' love with a friend who doesn't attend church.

Monday: Write a letter to a missionary or pastor explaining why Jesus' love is important to you.

Tuesday: Practice explaining Jesus' love to a family member.

Wednesday: Draw a comic strip that explains Jesus' love.

Thursday: Write a prayer that expresses your understanding of Jesus' love. **Friday:** Share your favorite Bible verse about love with someone and explain why it's meaningful to you.

Saturday: Share with your Sunday school class or family how you explained Jesus' love to others this week.

KONNECT ONLY: Memory Verse Mix-Up (5 min)

TEACHER: Alright, kids, we will play a fun memory verse game. Our memory verse for today is John 13:34. I have written each word from our verse on these index cards. (Distribute the index cards randomly among the children.)

You must put these words correctly to create the memory verse. Once you have the verse in the right order, raise your hand and I will check.

(Allow the children some time to arrange the words.)

Now, let's see how well you did.

(Check the children's work, assist if needed, and praise them for their efforts.)

Great job, everyone! You've learned how to put your memory verse together. Let's practice saying it together now.

(Lead the kids in saying the verse together. Repeat a few times.)

Fantastic! Remember, practice makes perfect. Try to say our memory verse every day this week. The more you practice, the easier it will be to remember!

KONNECT ONLY: Teaching Skit: The Word of Love

PROPS & SETTING:

Bench: Use classroom chairs placed together to serve as the park bench where Lucy is initially sitting.

Soccer Ball: A real soccer ball or any round object from the classroom that can serve as a soccer ball.

Sunday School Setting: A classroom table and chairs to represent the setting in the children's ministry classroom with Bibles and craft supplies.

Characters:

1. LUCY - a girl who just moved to the neighborhood
2. SAM - a neighborhood boy who loves to play soccer
3. BOBBY - a neighborhood boy who's known for being a little mischievous

(Setting: At the park, LUCY is seen sitting alone on a bench, looking a bit down.)

SAM: (Runs in, panting and holding a soccer ball) Hi there! I'm Sam. You must be new here. Would you like to play soccer with us?

LUCY: (Looks at Sam and sighs) I'd love to, but I don't know how to play soccer.

SAM: (Surprised) You don't? Well, that's not a problem. We could teach you!

LUCY: (Frowns) But what if I mess up? I don't want to ruin your game.

SAM: (Laughs) Believe me, we mess up all the time. Especially Bobby!

(BOBBY enters, trying to juggle a soccer ball and repeatedly dropping it, causing a lot of laughter.)

SAM: (Turns to Lucy) See what I mean?

LUCY: (Smiles) Okay, I'll try.

(Scene changes to a Sunday School room)

SAM: (To Lucy) You did great at the park yesterday! You even scored a goal!

LUCY: (Laughs) I know! That was fun. Thank you for letting me play and for being so kind. It really means a lot.

SAM: Well, that's what friends do. We help each other out and show love, just like Jesus showed love to us.

LUCY: (Curious) Jesus?

SAM: Yes, He showed us the greatest love by dying for us, even when we didn't deserve it. That's the kind of love we're taught to show to others.

LUCY: (Touched) Wow, that's beautiful. I'd love to learn more about Jesus and His love.

SAM: (Excited) That's great, Lucy! We learn about Jesus and His love here every Sunday. Would you like to join us next week?

LUCY: (Nods) Yes, I would. Thank you, Sam.

(END OF SKIT)

KONNECT ONLY: Discussion Questions & Prayer

LEADER: Let's delve a little deeper with some questions, okay? Remember, there's no right or wrong answer - we're all here to learn and grow together.

- Can anyone remember one of the ways Abby or Billy showed Mr. Parker Jesus' love in our skit today?
- How can we use our own words to share about Jesus' love as Abby did?
- Do you think Billy's drawing was an effective way to explain Jesus' love? Why or why not?
- Can you think of someone in your life you could explain Jesus' love to, just like Abby and Billy did with Mr. Parker? How might you do it?

Craft Activity: “Sharing and Caring Envelopes” (Homemadestationary)

Supplies:

Paper or note-cards

Scissors

Stickers or small treats

Markers or decorating materials

Envelopes (any size)

Directions:

1. Decorate the envelopes, adding stickers and notes as desired.
2. Write verses or special messages on paper or note cards.
3. Add treats or stickers to the envelope.
4. Add the notes to the envelope. Pray over the notes and encourage students to pass them around to friends and others nearby!



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Questions to Discuss with Your Child:

- Why did the shepherd go look for the lost sheep?
- How can we help Jesus look for lost people?
- How can we use our own words to share about Jesus' love?
- Can you think of someone in your life you could explain Jesus' love to? How might you do it?
- Practice sharing the ABC's of Salvation this week. (See back of sheet)





ABC's of Salvation

Admit: Admit that you have done wrong. Ask God to forgive you for disobeying.

Believe: Believe God sent Jesus to take the punishment for your sin. Trust you are forgiven because Jesus made you right with God.

Choose: Choose to spend your whole life depending on God's power to help you say no to sin.

As you live and love like Jesus, tell others that God is your leader.