

Week 2 (Lessons 3 & 4)

Song of the Week: Love the Lord (Based on Matthew 22:37-38)

Memory Verses:

Matthew 22:39 Love your neighbor as yourself.

Faith Questions:

Question 3: Why did God create everything?

For His Glory
God's Word

Question 4: What is the Bible?

Key Words:

Lesson 3: Love God

Lesson 4: Love Others

In Person Gathering: Friday, July 3 from 9:30-10:00am at St. Paul

Lesson 3: Dog Treat: Love God

Do you have a dog?

If so...Do you like having a dog? Why?

If not...Would you like to have a dog? Why or why not?

Pull out the dog treat! Have you ever eaten a dog treat before? Feel free to try one!

What is a favorite food or treat that you like to eat?

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SAY: So, what would you be willing to do to get your favorite treat? Would you do 10 pushups? Would you do 50 pushups? How about 100? Or would you clean the bathroom? An old TV commercial used to ask people what they'd do for a special ice cream bar.

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Do you like doing these devotions and learning about the Bible and God? Do you like to go to church or Sunday School?

Would you like to go even if mom and dad didn't make you?

Review the Key Words for this Lesson: "Love God"

Look up this verse in the Bible (Highlight it too!): Matthew 22:37-38

³⁷ Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.

The most important thing in life is to love God. How do we do this? (Spending time with Him by praying and going to church. Doing what he wants us to do—we learn that in the Bible. Love others!)

Why should we do it? To get a treat? Because it's easy and fun?

When should we do it? When we have time? When we get a reward? How about when we are having a tough time or someone isn't nice to us?

Say: We love God because he first loved us. He loves us even though we don't listen to Him. And he knew weren't going to listen many times...that's why he sent Jesus, so we could be forgiven. God loves us and is with us when things are going well AND when things aren't going well.

Say: Next time you see a dog doing a trick for a treat—remember, that God want us to always love Him, during good times and bad.

Pray together:

If in the morning: Dear God, thank you for the rest we got last night. You always give us what we need—not always what we want. Help us to have a good day today. Be with us as we (insert 1-3 things that



you're going to do today). Please be with (insert any concerns for yourselves or others). And please help us to love you and love others. We love you. Amen

If in the evening: Dear God, thank you for today. You are awesome. Thanks for allow us to (insert 1-3 things that you did today) Please be with (insert any concerns for yourselves or others). And please help us to love you and love others. Watch over us as we wind down our day. We love you. Amen

Extra Challenge: Buy a devotion book (see Jeff/church bookstore for ideas). Do 1-2 a week!

Lesson 4: Crayons: Love Others

Take out the crayons: On one side of a piece of paper-color some shapes.

On the other side color a picture of you with your family or some friends.

Do you like to color?

Do your crayons ever break?

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Has anyone ever been mean to you? How does that make you feel?

(It's kind of like being a broken crayon, right?)

Have you ever been mean to someone else? How do you think that person feels?

How should you treat other people? How do you want other people to treat you?

Look up this verse in the Bible: Matthew 22:39

And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.

What does it look like to love others (as ourselves)?

Look at the people in your picture—how can you love them?

How can you love people that aren't nice to you? (Still be kind to them. Pray for them.)

Practice our Key Words: Love Others

Now read the verses right before Matthew 22:39—do you remember them from yesterday? (verses 37 & 38)

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We're supposed to love our neighbor as ourselves. But what is even more important?

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GOSPEL CONNECTION: Jesus shows us the best example of what loving others means. He didn't need to get hurt or die. But he loved us so much that he took the punishment we deserve for our sins by dying on the cross. Because he did that for us—shouldn't we listen and follow Him?

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Extra Challenge: Think about 1-2 people you don't know well or maybe don't get along with. Pray for them each day for a week.

