



CHILDREN'S LESSON/WORSHIP GUIDE

MARCH 22, 2020

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ACTIVITY - Hearts Everywhere

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Before your lesson time, make as many hearts out of construction paper as there are kids or more (they should be colorful!). Hide them in the room at a level each of the kids can reach. Show the kids a sample construction paper heart and ask the kids to go find the rest. After all of the hearts are found, get the kids to put them in a line on the floor. Name the color of each heart together and remind the kids God loves everyone.
- There is one heart for each of you. We can color or paint on our hearts at the table to help us remember God loves everyone.

BIBLE STORY - John 3:1-21

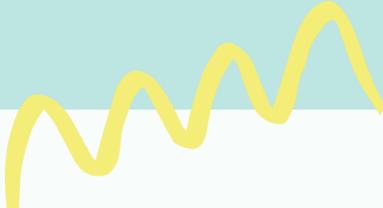
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Summarize Nicodemus' encounter with Jesus in John 3:1-21. If you need a little help go to Youtube and watch "Nicodemus//Bible Story" by Kids on the Move. When Nicodemus was a Pharisee, he was a very respected religious leader. In fact, it was his job to help the people understand God's laws and the type of life God wanted them to live. So, Nicodemus was known to be an expert when it came to matters about God.
- But when Nicodemus met Jesus, he learned that he didn't know or understand as much as he thought he did. So, Nicodemus snuck away in the middle of the night to talk to Jesus. Nicodemus listened to everything Jesus had to say and even discovered that some of his ideas about God were not exactly right.
- That evening, Nicodemus learned just how much God loved the whole world.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Read John 3:16-17 together.
- And because of this love, God had a plan to save the world –through Jesus! That night, Nicodemus started to follow Jesus because he learned God loves everyone, including a Pharisee like him! And God still loves everyone today!

REFLECTION - Love is important to God

- Love is really important to God. Everything about who God is and what God does comes from love. In the same way, love needs to be the reason why we act a certain way, too.
- Think of a time or two when it was hard for you to love someone.

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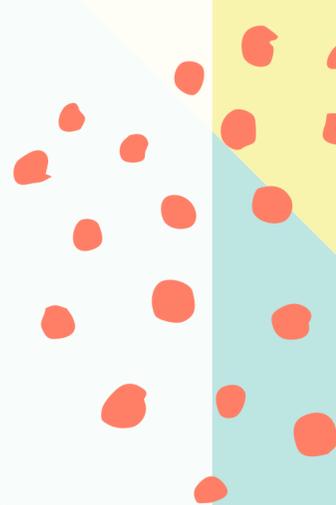
- **Take a moment to tell God you are sorry for those times and ask God to help you love everyone in your life and the people you meet.**

DISCUSSION

- **Who was Nicodemus?**
- **What did Nicodemus learn from Jesus?**
- **How did God show His love for us?**
- **Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. Which of these love actions (i.e., being patient and kind; not being envious, proud, rude, easily angered, etc.) is the most challenging for you? Why?**
- **How do you usually show someone you love them?**
- **What do you think is different about how God loves and the way people love?**
- **What's one way you can show God's love to everyone around you this week?**

PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for loving us so much that You sent Jesus to save us all. Just like you helped Nicodemus, help us to understand your great love and to share it with everyone!



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