



### MEMORY VERSE

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hands point up)

And that He  
rewards everyone  
(pat self on back)

Who searches for  
Him.” (cup eyes with  
hands, look left and  
right)

Hebrews 11:6  
(make book with  
hands)

### MARINA for WORSHIP/STORY (Room 124)

#### 10:00 SERVICE

10:30-10:40 AM (3's-5's)

10:45 – 10:55 am (2's in class)

#### 11:30 SERVICE

11:40 – 11:50 AM (2's – 5's)

**DIRECTED PLAY TIME** Take this time to connect with your students on an individual level and get to know each other better. Spend time getting in their world.

### WELCOME

SAY: **Hey friends! Do you know what today is?**

**That's right, Valentine's Day! It's a day centered around love. Do you know who is the creator of love?**

**Jesus! Let's read this important Bible verse together:**

“ Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.” - 1 John 4:7-8

**Are you children of God? (yes!)**

**Then that means you know how to love others! Let's make some valentines to give to some people at church to tell them how much God loves them today!**

**Supplies: valentines, crayons/colored pencils, heart lollipops**

1. Let kids make 2 valentines each
2. Help them put the lollipops in their cards
3. Put them aside for pick-up
4. At pick-up, give parents an Instruction Card and encourage them to help their child give away their valentines: one to a friend, one to someone they don't know.

### BIBLE STORY

SAY: **Let's get ready to be detectives and solve today's mystery! What does God's love do? The best place to search for clues is in the Bible!**

- Have kids get ready to hear the Bible by clicking on their listening ears and putting on their special eyes.
- Show and read Bible Story Cards to the group.

SAY: **One of the most amazing mysteries is how much God loves us.**

**God's love is also one of the most powerful things in the world. Just like in the story, God's love is able to FREE us. Just like God freed His people from slavery in the story, Jesus is able to free us from sin and save us from the consequences of sin.**



## MAKES ME CLEAN

**SUPPLIES:** mirrors, expo markers, spray bottles with water, paper towels

When Jesus died on the cross, He did something that had never been done before, He rescued people from sin! He freed people from trapped hearts. Sometimes that feels like a dirty heart.

Have you ever been dirty before, maybe from playing? What did it feel like?

What do you do to get clean? (take a bath or shower, wash your hands)

But that's all on the outside. When we sin, our hearts get dirty on the inside and we can't make ourselves clean. What Jesus' blood does is free us on the inside, He cleans our hearts. Just like this!

1. Pass out mirrors, expo markers and paper towels to each child
2. Instruct kids to think about things that make them feel "dirty" or trapped in their heart (sin). Ask some kids for examples and talk about some
  - Have you ever lied before? How did you feel after?
  - Have you ever taken something from a sibling or friend?
  - Have you ever thought unkind thoughts about another person?
  - Have you ever disobeyed your parents?

Take time to discuss with the kids the way their heart felt after. Was it a good feeling or a bad feeling? (conviction is a beautiful thing, it's only when we experience it can we experience repentance and receive God's grace)

3. Have them draw on their mirror what that feeling felt like whether it was anger, sadness, shame or draw out what they did. Have them draw until the mirror is mostly covered with expo marker
4. SAY: But this is what Jesus' blood did for us, it washes away all the sin so that we may be free and clean!
5. Put a spray bottle on each table and have kids take turns spraying some water on their mirror. Wipe away the marker and water with a paper towel until it's clean.
6. SAY: Jesus' blood frees us from all the dirt and sin so that we can see who God really made us to be!

## SNACK TIME

Make sure to give kids a "raindrop" (a drop of hand sanitizer) before passing out snack and water. Ask if anyone in the class would like to pray for snack.

**WE HAVE SPECIAL TREATS FOR VALENTINE'S DAY, OREOS! YOU CAN GIVE THEM OUT AS A SNACK IN CLASS OR AT PICK-UP WHEN PARENTS COME.**

## MEMORY VERSE

1. **SAY: As we search through the Bible, we can solve mysteries that help us know God is real! He wants to reward, or give good things to, everyone who searches for Him. There's a Bible verse that says this, and I want to teach it to you!**
2. Show the Memory Verse Card, and have kids repeat the verse after you several times. Then, use the back of the memory verse card to practice the verse as a group.

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## HARBOR BUCKS

Hey Teachers, don't forget about our classroom rewards, Harbor Bucks (previously called Broccoli Bucks)!

This is a few ways to encourage kids as they continue to grow. Here are some examples of reasons to hand out Harbor Bucks to kids:

- Bring their Bible
- Say the memory verse
- Bring a friend or first-time friends
- Have good behavior

Kids can trade in their Harbor Bucks for prizes at the Harbor Bank! The Harbor Bank is open every Sunday for kids to redeem their Harbor Bucks

## FREE KEY

**SUPPLIES:** keys printout, aluminum foil, glue sticks, crayons

**SAY:** Jesus is the key that gives us freedom! Can you tell me what Jesus frees us from? (allow kids to respond)

Jesus frees us from slavery to sin, He frees us from everything that separates us from God, He frees us from the Enemy who would try to keep us away from God, and He frees us from all the dirt that gets stuck to us from sin.

Jesus is the key to freedom. Let's make some keys to help us remember this important Truth!

1. Pass out Key Printout and crayons to each child
2. Let kids color the inside of the cross only
3. Pass out glue sticks and place bowls of aluminum foil on the tables
4. Instruct kids to glue the aluminum foil inside the key but NOT to glue the cross
5. Assist as needed

**PRAY** Take time to ask if anyone has any prayer request. Let kids share as they will. Write the prayer request on the "Prayer Request" cards and send the home with the prayer request of another friend. Have someone pray for the class at the end.

## WARMTH OF THE CROSS

**Supplies:** small cross

1. Select one child to take the small cross and hide it somewhere in the classroom. You can have the other kids wait outside or simply sit and close their eyes.
2. After the child hides the cross, let everyone back into the room.
3. Leaders, as the kids search for the cross, help them by telling them if they are warm or cold depending on how close they are to the cross. Warm = close; cold = far
4. If time permits, the one who finds the cross can hide it for the next round
5. **SAY: As we get closer to the cross we can feel Jesus' warmth and love. Whoever find the cross has found the key to freedom!**

## STAY TOGETHER

Keep kids engaged in small group until they are checked out by doing the following:

- Play "What Mystery Animal Am I?"
  - Allow kids to take turns acting out different animals, without saying words.
  - They can make the animal sound or move like the animal.
  - The rest of the group will try to solve the mystery of "What Animal Am I?"
- Play "I Spy"
  - Select an object in the room and **SAY: I spy with my detective eye something that is \_\_\_\_\_.**
  - Have your first clue be the color of the spied object. Clues can get more specific as you give them.
  - Allow kids to take turns guessing the spied object.
  - Continue to play, allowing kids to be the leader.

# VOLUNTEER FEEDBACK

## Valentines

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 Terrible    Not great    I don't know,  
We didn't do it    Liked it    Loved it

## Free Key

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 Terrible    Not great    I don't know,  
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## Pray

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## Comments and Classroom needs