

KIDSGATE CURRICULUM

UNIT 2

God knows us
and loves us

Jesus' Life Shows God's Love for His People

WEEK 11

JESUS' LIFE SHOWS THAT GOD'S LOVE IS OFFERED TO EVERYONE

Verse(s): John 3:16-17; The Message

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LESSON OVERVIEW

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GOD'S LOVE IS SHOWN WHEN JESUS SEEKS US OUT

(Matthew 4:18-20; The Message)

Walking along the beach of Lake Galilee, Jesus saw two brothers: Simon (later called Peter) and Andrew. They were fishing, throwing their nets into the lake. It was their regular work. Jesus said to them, "Come with me. I'll make a new kind of fisherman out of you. I'll show you how to catch men and women instead of perch and bass." They didn't ask questions, but simply dropped their nets and followed

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GOD'S LOVE IS SHOWN THROUGH JESUS' MIRACLES & HEALING

(Matthew 20:29-34; The Message)

²⁹⁻³¹ As they were leaving Jericho, a huge crowd followed. Suddenly they came upon two blind men sitting alongside the road. When they heard it was Jesus passing, they cried out, "Master, have mercy on us! Mercy, Son of David!" The crowd tried to hush them up, but they got all the louder, crying, "Master, have mercy on us! Mercy, Son of David!" ³² Jesus stopped and called over, "What do you want from me?" ³³ They said, "Master, we want our eyes opened. We want to see!" ³⁴ Deeply moved, Jesus touched their eyes. They had their sight back that very instant, and joined the procession.

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GOD'S LOVE IS SHOWN WHEN JESUS OFFERS US A DIFFERENT WAY TO LIVE

(Isaiah 41:13; NIV)

⁸ Zacchaeus just stood there, a little stunned. He stammered apologetically, "Master, I give away half my income to the poor—and if I'm caught cheating, I pay four times the damages." ⁹⁻¹⁰ Jesus said, "Today is salvation day in this home! Here he is: Zacchaeus, son of Abraham! For the Son of Man came to find and restore the lost

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Worship (5-10 minutes)

DIRECTIONS:

1. Play the worship DVD
2. Watch the rules (that are at the beginning of the DVD) every week and try to play the song at least twice

Bible Lesson

DIRECTIONS:

- If possible, have the kids sit down together on the rug or at the table.
- Read the story below (Based on this weeks verse & the Lesson Theme)

Story time is a good time to give snack– it can help to minimize distractions

Once upon a time, there was a shepherd who loved his sheep. He kept them well fed, took care of them, and hired good helpers to keep them safe from the wolves.

Each morning, the shepherd went outside to count his sheep. "One, two, three, four," he counted out loud as he went through the group, "five, six, seven, eight," he continued to count.

On one sunny morning, the shepherd found that he was one sheep short. He walked around the pen where the sheep were and counted them again. Again he found that a sheep was indeed missing. The shepherd began to look around for the lost sheep and when he could not find the sheep right away, he decided to go and find it.

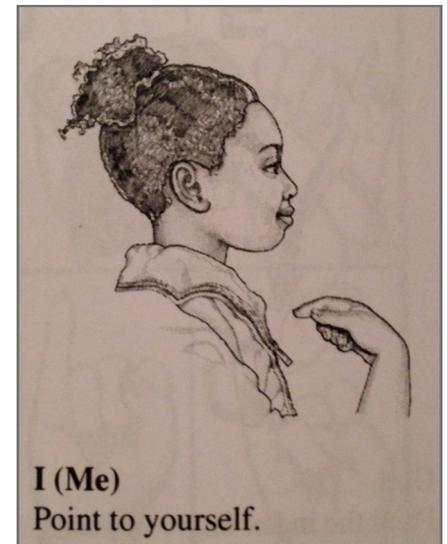
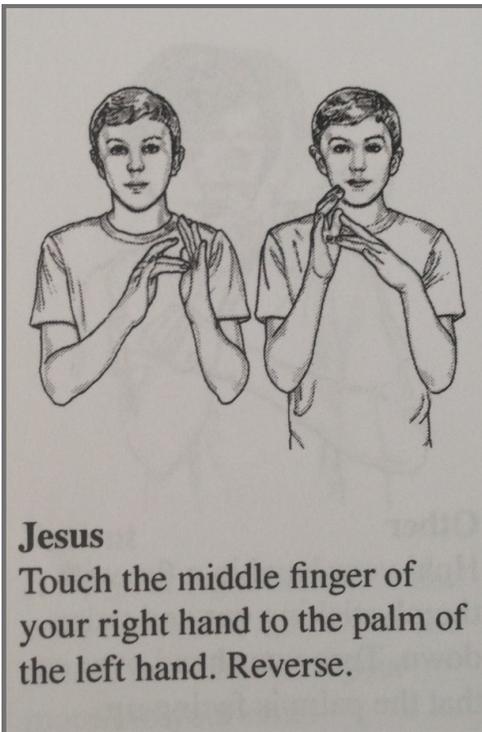
The shepherd packed a bag, gathered his friends, and began a search party looking for the lost sheep. He was so worried about the sheep. The shepherd was hoping that it was safe from the wolves and was able to find the food and shelter that was needed to stay safe.

When the sun went down, the shepherd did not fall asleep like everyone else from the search party. He stayed up and continued to search for his sheep. Someone from the search party woke up in the night, and annoyed asked the shepherd, "It's just one sheep! Why do you care so much that it is lost?"

The shepherd did not even respond, but instead merely laughed, for at that moment he found his lost sheep. The shepherd could see that it was tangled in some bushes in the distance. Once set free, the shepherd and the sheep were returned safely back home. Once home, the two slept safe and soundly in their beds.

Sign Language

- Teach sign language for “Jesus loves me”
- Help the child learn by moving their hand in the correct motion as you say the phrase



Prayer Time

DIRECTIONS:

Intentionally spend time praying for each student. For each prayer:

- Thank God for the child and mention something specific that you enjoy about the child
- Ask God to continue to take care of the child.
- (Feel free to add to this prayer)

Take Home Page

- Give a take home page to every parent. Let them know how their child did in class and show them what you went over in class today.

Kidsgate Take Home Page

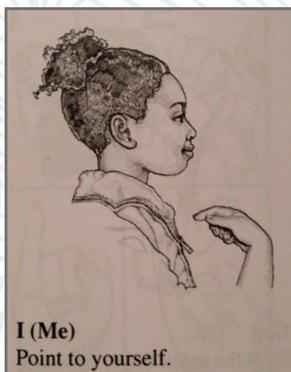
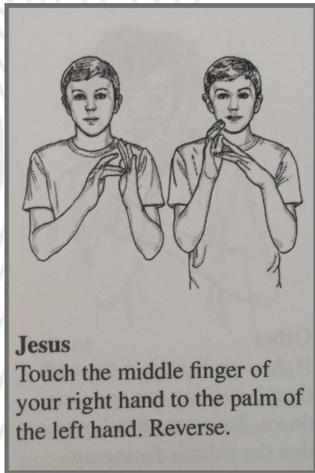
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