

RESERVE LESSONS: THE GOD WHO LOVES US

LESSON R1 ~ AT A GLANCE

AGES 8-11

THE BIBLE IS GOD'S STORY

LESSON AIM: TO LEARN THE BIBLE IS THE TRUE STORY OF WHO GOD IS AND WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR US. IT SHOWS GOD'S LOVE FOR US.

PRESET

- Getting Started—3 preprinted messages
- Worship Scripture Reading—Ephesians 3:14-18
- *Bible Memory Verse Song—"For God So Loved The World"
- Other related music
- *Worship Illustration or Storybook Reserve Lesson R1
- Golden Bowl—Pencils & note cards
- Bibles, highlighters
- *Daily Way Reserve Lesson R1
- *Treasure Treat—John 3:16 Bible bookmark

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NOTES

5. GOT TIME?

SNACK: TASTY SCROLLS

GAMES: FOUR GOSPEL CORNERS, FACT FINDERS

CRAFT: MY BIBLE JOURNAL

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: JOHN 3:16 WAVE, MEMORY VERSE MUSICAL CHAIRS

THE WORSHIP, THE WORD, & THE WAY ~ Northland, A Church Distributed
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1. THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What's your favorite storybook?

GETTING STARTED: WHAT'S THE STORY?

2. THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO LOVES US

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:14-18

Bless and collect the offering. Sing songs and worship God.

Perform Worship Illustration or read Storybook.

3. THE WORD THE BIBLE IS GOD'S STORY

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Genesis 1:1, Exodus 15:13, Isaiah 45:5-6.

Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Exodus 15:13. Pray.

4. THE WAY WE CAN TELL THE STORY

Why is the Bible called God's Word? (God told or showed each writer what to write, so the words are from God or about God.)

The Bible shows us how God used His power to create us, protect us, teach us and guide us. Those are some of the ways God loves us. Why do you think God wants us to know how much He loves us? (Respond.)

What is your favorite Bible story? (Respond. List on pad.) **If we look for it, we can see God's love in each of these stories. How does each of your favorite Bible stories show us that God loves us?** (Respond.)

CHRIST CONNECTION > Reveal: Jn. 3:16, Mt. 28:19-20, Rev. 21:3-5. Find It First.

After Moses spoke of God's unfailing love, all people continued to sin. When Isaiah spoke, most people worshipped false gods. Most Israelites had turned away from God. Some truly loved God and faithfully tried to do what was right, but no one was perfect. Even so, God's love never failed. 700 years after Isaiah spoke, God sent His Son. (Read John 3:16.)

Jesus died on the cross so that we could have eternal life. He wanted everyone to have the chance to believe. (Read Matthew 28:19-20.) **Eternal life is life forever close to God.** (Respond.) **God gave John a vision of heaven.** (Read Revelation 21:3-5.) **What did the voice from the throne of God say about the words in the Bible?** (They are trustworthy and true.)

If you met someone who had never heard of the Bible or Jesus, how would you tell him or her the true story of God in your own words?

Why is important to tell the story? (Respond.)

THE GOLDEN BOWL > Pray for individual names and the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- TREASURE TREAT: John 3:16 Bible bookmark
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Your favorite part of the Bible.
- PRAYER REQUESTS, BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

