

LESSON 12
"LOVE"
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BIBLE CONNECTION

Mark 10:17-22 (page 1087)

CHARACTER WORD

Love – A great affection of the mind and heart.

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can know that loving God begins with the attitude of my heart.

MEMORY LINK

Matthew 6:21

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

(KBC Study Bible pg. 1032)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED

None

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: Index cards, M&Ms candies, paper plates, straws

Option 2: None

BIBLE CONNECTION

Scout uniform or photo of scout uniform

SURF TEAM LEADER

Memory Link cards, index cards, pens, Hang 10 pages

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Bean bags, sports cone

Option 2: Sheets of paper

Jesus Talks with Rich, Young Man

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Love is more than a feeling. It is an attitude that expresses itself with action. God demonstrated His love for us by sending Jesus as the substitute to pay for our sin. We demonstrate our love for God by aligning our priorities so that He takes first place in our lives. We show love for others through words of affirmation and acts of service.

Today's story is about a rich, young man who loved his possessions more than he loved God. He treasured his possessions more than he treasured a personal relationship with the One who gave it all to him. While eternal life was what he sought, he let his possessions stand in the way.

What about you? Today's memory link states, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." What things do you treasure, or love, that actually stand in the way of your total devotion to God? How will you demonstrate your love for God in response to His great demonstration of love for you?



GET CONNECTED

10-15 Minutes – Building relationships in Surf Teams; introducing today's lesson

No supplies needed

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the kids in your surf team and to introduce today's lesson.

- Today's character word is love. Can you share an example of love other than romantic love?
- Which of your possessions would you say you love the most?
- How does God demonstrate love?
- Name a way you can share God's love with another person.



Guide clubbers to locate and mark today's Bible Connection and Memory Link in their Bibles so they can find the pages quickly as directed in the session.

Worship Tip

When introducing a new song, be sure to have the words visible to all clubbers. Take time to explain what the words mean and what the song is about. Define words that might be unfamiliar or especially "churchy." Adding motions to the song helps clubbers remember the words and makes the experience more enjoyable. On the weeks you introduce a new song, make sure the other songs are ones they know well so that everyone will participate.

BIBLE CONNECTION



Teaching today's character word through a gospel-centered Bible story

Scout uniform or photo of scout uniform (resources)

Introduce the Story

Are any of you involved in boy scouts or girl scouts? Show the uniform or uniform photo. What do you notice about the uniform? Did you notice all of the badges? How do you get a particular badge? You have to do certain things to earn a badge. They don't give badges away to anyone. They are only given to the kids who do the work to earn them. Today, you're going to read in your Bibles about a man who thought he needed to do certain things to earn eternal life.

Mark 10:17-20

Guide kids to find Mark 10:17-22 in their Bibles (page 1087). Read the verses dramatically from your Bible as the kids follow along. As you read, turn your body one direction when reading what the rich man said and then turn the other direction when reading what Jesus said to illustrate they are having a conversation.

The rich young man did lots of things right. He obeyed all God's commandments. Like a boy scout, he had earned all the right 'badges' as a good Israelite. Now, he wanted Jesus to tell him what he needed to do to earn eternal life in heaven. We know the Bible teaches that eternal life cannot be earned. It is a free gift from God because He loves us. The Bible teaches that eternal life is available to all people who choose to receive it.

Mark 10:21-22

Continue the story by dramatically reading Mark 10:21-22 from your Bible as the kids follow along.

Jesus knew the heart of the rich man. He knew that the rich man loved his possessions a TON. In fact, he loved his possessions so much that he wasn't willing to leave them behind to receive something even better, that is eternal life. Jesus wasn't saying that the rich man had to do something (sell what you have, give to the poor, take up the cross and follow Me) to earn eternal life. Jesus was drawing attention to the attitude of the rich man's heart. Eternal life involves understanding how much God loves you and responding to His love by putting Him first above everything and everyone else. The young man went away sad, choosing to love his stuff more than he loved God.

Act It Out

Invite two volunteers to act out the story. Assign the parts of Jesus and the rich man. Read the story again from the Bible as the actors dramatize what you read.

Memory Link Review

Ask the kids to recite today's memory link, Matthew 6:21. Explain that today's memory link is part of what Jesus taught about money. Ask kids to identify how today's memory link applies to today's story. *The attitude of your heart reveals what is most important to you, or what you love the most. You can know that loving God begins with the attitude of your heart.*

Teaching Tip

Proximity is a great deterrent to off-task behaviors. When kids get off task, simply stand beside them or place your hand on their shoulder. There is no need to stop the lesson or say their name, which can be embarrassing to the child. Walking around as you present helps keep kids' attention.

Teaching Tip

Guide the clubbers to find the Bible reference for the story and keep their Bibles open as the story is told. Hold the Bible when you are telling the story and refer to it often. Invite the students to read from it during the story. Prompt clubbers to find important names and locate answers to questions. It is important for the kids to understand that the story is from God's word and is not fictional.



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