# LESSON 2 "LOVE" (page 1)



### **BIBLE CONNECTION**

Mark 10:13-16 (page 1087)

### CHARACTER WORD

<u>Love</u> – A great affection of the mind and heart

### **TEACHING OBJECTIVE**

I can know and believe that Jesus <u>loves</u> me.

### **MEMORY LINK**

Mark 10:14b

"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them.""

(KBC Study Bible pg. 1087)

### SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

### **GET CONNECTED**

Memory Link cards, index cards, pens, highlighters

### MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: Bean bags Option 2: None

### **BIBLE CONNECTION**

Chair, ring

### SURF TEAM LEADER

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

### MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Resource item,
plastic cones
Option 2: None

# Jesus Blesses the Children

### WHAT'S THE POINT?

Love is always the highest value. When Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment was, he told them to Love the Lord your God with all your heart and love one another. Love for others gets replaced with love for self in our society. In our society, kids are often ignored and undervalued. Jesus did the opposite in this story. By His actions He showed how much He values children. He set aside His own agenda to give His attention to the children by blessing them. He was not too busy for the kids. He has given you an opportunity in Beach Club today to live out Jesus' example. Be intentional in looking kids in the eye and calling them by name. You can be the physical representation of His love to each child – we never know how little or much love each child receives at home. Take this opportunity to teach them about God's love and how much He cares about their every need. Jesus' love is what they need every day for the rest of their life.

### **GET CONNECTED**



Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today's lesson

Memory Link cards, index cards, pens, highlighters

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

- Today's Memory Link is Mark 10:14b (page 1087): "Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them.""
- Let the children know that each week they will learn about God's great <u>love</u> for them.
- Talk about today's Character Word, <u>love</u>, and ask them to name some people or things they <u>love</u>.
- Find out how many students have a Bible and encourage them to bring it every week
- Ask who brought their Hang 10 back and see if they had any questions or if anyone prayed to ask Jesus to be their forever friend.



Show clubbers that each week we will locate and mark today's Bible Connection and Memory Link in our Bibles so we can find the pages quickly as directed in the session. Also, don't assume children know how to pray. Take time to explain to children how to pray.

### **WORSHIP TIME**



Pointing hearts toward God

Consider doing the same song you did last week. It's okay to repeat songs. It helps students learn the motions. However, if you would like other song choices then consider these two songs:

"Jesus Saves" by Jeremy Camp

"Jesus Loves Me" by Chris Tomlin

### **MEMORY LINK**



2 Minutes – Teaching the Bible verse to clubbers8 Minutes – Activity to help them memorize the verse

No supplies needed

## Focus on Today's Memory Link

Guide kids to locate Mark 10:14b (page 1087) in their KBC Study Bibles and read the entire verse. Ask a volunteer to read the verse as the others follow along. Let kids know that we will only memorize a portion of this verse today and not the whole verse.

Can you tell me who is speaking in this verse? Jesus. Jesus wants us all to know He is never too busy or important for children and that He wants us to tell them to come to Him. Sometimes adults get too busy to pay attention to children. But not Jesus! He <u>loves</u> everyone – especially children!

### Option 1 – BALANCE THE BEAN BAG

### Bean bag for each surf team

Guide the children to sit in a circle. Instruct the first player to balance the beanbag on his head and walk around the outside of the circle. While the child walks, the clubbers in the circle will recite the verse. If the beanbag falls, the student will replace the beanbag and the group will start over reciting the verse. Continue until all kids have had a turn or time runs out.

### Option 2 - COME TO ME

### No supplies needed

Guide clubbers to line up on one side of the room with their hand touching the wall. When you give the command "Jesus said," kids will run to the opposite wall. After everyone has run across and placed their hand on the opposite wall, guide them to say together, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them!" Repeat several times, indicating a different way to walk or run each turn. Choose from the following options or create your own: skip, jump, tiptoe, giant steps, gallop, crawl.

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### Mark 10:14b

"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them.'"

(KBC Study Bible pg. 1087)

# Bible 101 🕮

So, what can help you remember that Jesus loves you even when you sometimes don't feel loved? Draw kids' attention to the KBC Study Bible tip-in page titled "Bible Verses to Help When You Feel..." between pages 818-819. Remind kids they can find and read those Bible verses to help them remember that Jesus loves them no matter what. Encourage kids to share these verses with a friend who might need a reminder of how Jesus loves and cares for them.

### **Teaching Tip**

Be prepared! Ahead of time, practice explaining the activity so you are able to do it clearly and concisely during club. Be time sensitive. Keep your explanation and instructions short so kids have maximum activity time.

### **BIBLE CONNECTION**



Teaching today's Character Word through a gospel-centered Bible story

Chair, ring

### **Set the Stage**

Did you know that children hold a very special place in Jesus' heart? That means that each one of you here today is very much <u>loved</u> by Jesus. Listen to how Jesus put children first. Picture yourself being one of those children Jesus called to come to Him. Encourage the students to locate Mark 10:13-16 in their KBC Study Bibles on page 1087.

# Tell the Story

Jesus took His disciples down to the area of Judea and across the Jordan River. People soon found out he was in town and they were really excited! Show me what you do when you're excited. Pause for kids to show excitement. How do you think the people in the story showed excitement? Well, some of the adults went home and got their children. They wanted to give their children a chance to see Jesus and let Him bless them!

But when the parents brought their children to Jesus, the disciples stopped them. The Bible says they "rebuked" them. That's a harsh or mean way of turning someone away. Maybe they were just trying to protect Jesus from the large crowd, so they thought they should tell the parents to take their children away from Jesus.

Well, when Jesus saw what was going on the Bible says He was "greatly displeased." Meaning, He wasn't very happy at all. Let's all read our memory verse to see what Jesus told the disciples. He said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them." Meaning, don't stop them or keep them away. Why? "For such is the kingdom of God." Wow. Jesus told them to let the children come to Him because that is what the Kingdom is about. Jesus told His disciples that it was important for everyone to believe and trust in Him the way a child would. Then, verse 16 says, "And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them."

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### As You Prepare

Review the two illustrations in this lesson, the chair and the ring, so you will be able to effectively communicate these truths to the children.

### **Application**



Jesus wants every one of us to come to Him, but we must come with the faith of a child. So, what do you think it means to have the faith of a child? Let me show you an illustration to explain what I mean. Place a chair in the front and invite a child to come sit in the chair. So, you just sat down in this chair. You didn't hesitate. You just assumed it would hold you and not break. Is this correct? This is the same kind of trust Jesus wants us to have in Him. He wants us to trust Him fully and completely, without doubting, because of who He is and what His word tells us about Him. He wants us to depend on Him completely the same way we depend on our parents to provide our food and clothing and a place to live. As a child, you have to completely depend on someone to take care of you and provide all your needs.

### **Gospel Connection**

Now I want to show you my ring. Jesus' <u>love</u> for us is like this ring. It is continuous and never ends. The Bible says that He <u>loves</u> us with an everlasting <u>love</u> (Jeremiah 31:3). This means He will <u>love</u> us for how long? (forever!)

If you only remember one thing today, please remember that no matter who you are, Jesus <u>loves</u> you! Jesus <u>loves</u> you so much that He willingly chose to give His life on the cross to pay the penalty, or punishment, for our sins. Jesus knows that all people mess up and do wrong things called sin. He knows that our sins keep us from getting to be with Him in heaven. He also knows there is nothing we can do about our sin. That's why He died on the cross for our sins so we could be forgiven. But that's not all. On the third day, He came back to life so that we could have eternal life with Him in heaven! He simply wants you and me to come to Him in this child-like faith we talked about in our story today. Completely dependent on Him to forgive us of our sins because we can't do that on our own. Only He can. So, if you want to tell Jesus that you want Him to forgive you of your sins and come into your life, and you've never done that before, I want to invite you to come see me after I pray or you can talk with your surf team leader. Consider reviewing the ABCs or point them to their KBC Study Bible tip-in between pages 626-627.

Invite children wanting to know more about becoming a Christian to move to the designated counseling area to talk with a leader one on one.

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# Gospel Tip

We are excited that you have chosen to partner with KiDs Beach Club® to take the gospel into this public school. Make sure you have all the decision supplies you need to effectively lead a child to Christ and send them home with information. For more information see pages 27-30 in the KBC Leadership Manual Volume 2: Beach Club Essentials.

### **SURF TEAM TIME**

5-10 MINUTES

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Connecting with kids in small groups; applying today's Bible Connection and Character Word

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

### **Today's Bible Lesson**

- Before you begin, ask if there are any clubbers who would like to talk with the Bible connection leader about praying to ask Jesus to become their forever friend. If so, let them go to the designated area.
- What questions do you have about today's story?

# Use the Bible 📖

Review today's Memory Link and Character Word. Guide kids to use cards to mark today's story in their KBC Study Bibles. Lead them to highlight today's Memory Link.

# Hang 10 Pages

Give each child a Hang 10 page. Challenge kids to hang out with God 10 minutes each day by praying and reading the Bible, using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage kids to do the Weekly Challenge and bring back their Hang 10 pages next week for a time of discussion.

Look at day 3 on your Hang 10 page. Show them the "Digging In" section and ask them to find out why Jesus came to die for our sins. Let them know that in a few weeks they will get their own KBC Study Bible and we will help them discover all these cool things in their new Bible.

### **Pray**

Give the kids a few minutes to share their prayer requests or write them on index cards. Ask a child to lead the group in prayer. Take the cards home and remember to pray for the kids in your surf team this week.

Jesus, thank You that You <u>love</u> us and invite us to come to You. Help us to have that child-like faith we learned about today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

# **Connection Tip**

Check KOMS weekly before each Beach Club to see if any parents have registered their child and are awaiting approval so you can activate them. Also, make sure all the paper permission forms have been entered into KOMS. For instructions, see the KBC Leadership Manual, Volume 3: Record Keeping Made Easy or feel free to contact your KBC field staff representative. Remember, we want you to invite these kids and their families to your church. You can pass out anything about your church in Beach Club.

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### **MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME**



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Playing a game to review today's Bible Connection and Character Word

### Option 1 - LOVE CHARADES

Resource item: Love Charades cards, plastic cones

### **Prepare**

Cut apart cards and place them in a plastic cone.

Guide each surf team to sit in a circle. Let each child take a turn drawing a <u>Love</u> Charades card out of the plastic cone. He/she should act out the "<u>loving</u> action" without words so that the other kids can guess what he/she is doing. The first child who answers correctly will have a turn to answer a review question and will select the next child to pantomime a "<u>loving</u> action." Continue until all kids have had a turn or time runs out.

### **Option 2 – DON'T LEAVE THEM BEHIND**

No supplies needed

Ask the review questions, then play the following game as an object lesson.

Guide kids to line up on one side of the play area. Select two kids to be the "<u>love</u> stealers." When you say go, kids will try to run across to the other side of the play area without getting tagged. If a child is tagged, they will "freeze." Another child can "unfreeze" them by giving them a gentle hug and saying "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them." The round is not over until every child is unfrozen and everyone has passed safely to the other side.

Remind kids they should never leave a friend or someone you <u>love</u> behind. Jesus wants everyone to know His <u>love</u> and to share His <u>love</u> with others, not leaving anyone behind.

### **REVIEW QUESTIONS**

- 1. What is today's Character Word? (Love)
- 2. Recite today's Memory Link. ("Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them." Mark 10:14b)
- 3. How did Jesus feel when He heard what the disciples said? (Greatly displeased)
- 4. Why did Jesus take the children in His arms and bless them? (Because He loved them)
- 5. Name the book in the Bible where today's story is recorded? (Mark)
- 6. Who brought the children to Jesus? (Their parents)
- 7. What did Jesus do to the children? (He blessed them)
- 8. What is the greatest thing Jesus did to show you love? (He died on the cross)
- 9. How long will God's love last? (Forever)

# Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them."

Mark 10:14b

