# LESSON 16 "LOVE" (page 1)



# **BIBLE CONNECTION**

John 21:15-17 (pages 1181-1182)

### CHARACTER WORD

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

# **TEACHING OBJECTIVE**

I can show <u>love</u> to God by following Jesus.

# **MEMORY LINK**

John 21:17b

"Lord, You know all things; You know that I <u>love</u> You." (KBC Study Bible pg. 1182)

# SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

#### **GET CONNECTED**

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

#### MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: Paper, sponge ball Option 2: Hacky sacks

# **BIBLE CONNECTION**

None

# **SURF TEAM LEADER**

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

# MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Plastic Cones
Option 2: Beach ball, jump rope

# Jesus Says to Peter, 'Follow Me!'

# WHAT'S THE POINT?

In our lesson today, the story of Jesus restoring His relationship with Peter found in John 21 is a great reminder that God is calling those who choose to follow Him into a mission of reaching all people, and our motivation in this process is to be <u>love</u>. Peter had the opportunity to look at Jesus face-to-face and say, "I <u>love</u> you," after denying Him just a few days earlier. Peter was given an opportunity to follow Jesus! Kids today also need to hear that no matter how far they think they are from God, He is waiting for them to turn and follow Him.

# **GET CONNECTED**



Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today's lesson

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

Pass out Memory Link cards, index cards and pens.

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

- Who would you say loves you?
- How do you know people <u>love</u> you?
- How has love been shown to you?
- How easy is it to love Jesus and follow Him?
- Even when you know Jesus <u>loves</u> you, how hard is it to fully follow Jesus? What is it that is holding you back from fully following Jesus?



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 TIME**



Pointing hearts toward God

Try learning "The Greatest Commandment (Crazy Noise)" song by Hillsong Kids Jr. It is fun, easy, has motions and goes along with today's lesson.

# **MEMORY LINK**



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John 21:17b

"Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." (KBC Study Bible pg. 1182)

# Bible 101 🛄

Encourage students to turn in their KBC Study Bible to page 1182 and read the Digging In, "How Much Does God Know?" God's knowledge is infinite - unlimited. We will never know as much as God but we can spend time learning about Him and how much He loves us.



2 Minutes - Teaching the Bible verse to clubbers 8 Minutes - Activity to help them memorize the verse

No supplies needed

# Focus on Today's Memory Link

Let's read John 21:17b on page 1182 in your KBC Study Bible. This verse is something Peter said to Jesus in response to a question Jesus asked him. You'll hear what the question was in today's Bible Connection. This verse helps us remember that Jesus knows all things. He knows everything about you. Jesus even knows how you feel about Him. Even when you don't follow Jesus perfectly and when you sin, He knows what's going on in your heart. Jesus still loves you perfectly even when you don't love Him back.

# Option 1 - ROLL AND REMOVE

12 sheets of paper, sponge ball

#### **Prepare**

Print each word of the verse on a separate piece of paper. Tape papers to the floor in verse order in a straight line.

Invite kids to stand several feet away from where the verse is taped to the floor. Guide kids to take turns rolling the sponge ball across the papers. On each turn, remove the paper the ball rolled across and invite kids to recite the verse. Continue until no papers are left and the kids can recite the verse from memory.

# **Option 2 - CLASSIC HACKY SACK**

Hacky sacks

Explain that in a classic hacky sack game, players stand in a circle and try to keep the hacky sack off the ground without using their hands. Challenge Surf Teams to stand in a circle and try to keep their hacky sack in the air using only their feet. On each foot tap, kids will say a word of the verse. For an extra challenge, Surf Teams can try to say the verse as many times as possible before the hacky sack hits the ground.

# **BIBLE CONNECTION**



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

No supplies needed

#### **Set the Stage**

Who can tell me the meaning of <u>love</u>? Allow time for response. Did you know that one way we can express <u>love</u> is to forgive someone?

Today's story is from the book of John, and it explains how Jesus displayed <u>love</u> while showing forgiveness. The book of John is found in the New Testament and is one of the four gospel books. The setting is after Christ had died and had come back to life. Now, who remembers how many days Jesus lay dead in the tomb? (Three) That's right three days! To prove to everyone that He was God, Jesus came out of the grave and appeared to more than 500 people. Jesus also appeared to his disciples.

# Tell the Story

The disciples had just been fishing all night. They hadn't caught a single fish until Jesus saw them and told them to cast their nets on the other side of the boats. Then John recognized that it was Jesus and told Peter, "It is the Lord!" They obeyed and did as Jesus said and caught 153 fish! They could hardly pull them in. Then Jesus invited them to come eat breakfast with Him. This was the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished eating, Jesus and Peter took a walk along the shore. Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "You know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed My lambs." Again, Jesus said, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." Jesus said, "Tend My sheep." The third time, He said to him, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved, very hurt, because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love Me?" He said, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

Why do you think Jesus asked Peter three times if he <u>loved</u> him? Well, let me back up a few days earlier and tell you what happened. You see, while Jesus was being questioned, Peter was outside in the courtyard warming himself by the fire. Three different people asked Peter if he knew Jesus, if he was one of Jesus' disciples. Peter said no. Peter denied knowing Jesus three times. Now, Jesus gave Peter a chance to make things right in their relationship by telling Jesus out loud "I <u>love</u> you!" You see, Jesus <u>loved</u> Peter unconditionally but Peter couldn't <u>love</u> Jesus the same way. He wanted to. He thought he could. But when Peter realized he couldn't <u>love</u> Jesus with the same kind of unconditional <u>love</u>, he was grieved, or very sad.

Jesus <u>loved</u> Peter unconditionally even if Peter couldn't <u>love</u> Jesus unconditionally. Jesus simply wanted Peter to know that He had a special job for him to do. Peter's mission was to minister to people both young and old. Peter was to take the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ to everyone – including boys and girls with moms and dads.

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# As You Prepare

Kids should be hands on with their Bibles and encouraged to follow along as the story is told. As you teach, allow time for all kids to find verses and catch up to where you are reading in the Bible. Encourage surf team leaders to sit among the students so they can help them.


### **Application**

At the end of verse 19, Jesus told Peter, "Follow Me." So, who are you following? Are you following Jesus? If not, what is keeping you from following Jesus?

#### **Gospel Connection**

Jesus <u>loves</u> you in the same way that He <u>loved</u> Peter. He is ready to forgive you the same way He forgave Peter. He simply wants us to be honest and admit we have sin and ask Him to forgive us and invite Him into our lives to be our forever friend. Remember our ABCs? ASK Jesus to forgive your sin and come into your life. Next, BELIEVE that Jesus is God's Son and His sacrifice on the cross paid the debt for your sin. Then, CHOOSE TO FOLLOW Jesus, just like Peter. I promise you that this will be the best decision that you will ever make.

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

It's important to understand the spiritual background of your Beach Club children in order to gain discernment in each child's perspective. A churched child will have head knowledge of spiritual and biblical questions but will struggle with making their faith in Jesus their own instead of their parents'. An unchurched child will not understand any of the Christian terms we use and need unfamiliar words defined

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# **SURF TEAM TIME**



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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 1 on the Hang 10 page. Ask the kids to say "Jesus" where "Love" is and how that still makes it true.

### **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 for <u>loving</u> us so much that You died for our sin and came back to life. Please remind us to share Your <u>love</u> this week to the people we come in contact with. In Jesus' name, Amen.

# **Connection Tip**

Consider providing a "Jesus, Baptism and Me" class at your church for the children and their parents to walk through. See the Club Leader Tools page on the KiDs Beach Club® website or the KBC Store to find this valuable discipleship resource.

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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 RELAY**

One plastic cone per Surf Team

# **Prepare**

Place the cone 10 feet away from a starting point for each Surf Team.

Instruct each Surf Team to line up in pairs. The Surf Team leader will ask the first pair of students in their line a question. After answering the question, pairs will link arms, run around the plastic cone and hop back. After tagging the next pair, the second pair will answer a question, run to the cone and hop back. Repeat until all questions have been answered. The first Surf Team to complete every question wins!

# **Option 2 - BEACH BALL VOLLEY**

# Beach ball, jump rope

Two kids or leaders will hold the jump rope shoulder high in the middle of the group. Divide the remaining kids into two teams. Teams will volley a beach ball back and forth over the jump rope. The first team to either allow the ball to hit the ground OR hit the ball out of play causes the opposite team a chance to answer a review question and earn points. Award five (5) points for each correct answer. Continue play until all questions have been answered. Calculate points and declare a winner.

#### **REVIEW QUESTIONS**

- 1. What is today's Character Word? (Love)
- 2. What was Peter's other name? (Simon)
- 3. What book of the Bible is today's story in? (John)
- 4. Who were the two people in today's story? (Jesus and Peter)
- 5. How many times did Jesus ask Peter, "Do you love me"? (Three)
- 6. What was Peter's mission? (To go to all people or feed my sheep)
- 7. What was Peter's motivation? (Love)
- 8. What is your mission today? (To share Jesus with people)
- 9. What should our motivation be today? (Love)
- 10. Where can kids hang out and have fun? (Beach Club!)

# "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You."

John 21:17b

