Teaching guide - Preschool & VSN

Monthly Theme: I'm a Victory Kid

"God is with you always." Matthew 28:20

LESSON - WE ATE LOVED BY GOD!

Supplies: Plush Heart Pillow, Paper Chain

Hey Victory Kids! Today, we're going to talk about something AMAZING—God's love! Did you know that God loves you SO MUCH, and nothing can ever stop that love? (Hold up heart pillow)

How big do you think God's love is? (Ask the kids to show how big with their hands)
Bigger than this heart? Bigger than a mountain? Bigger than a rocket ship? Let's see what God says in the Bible:
"Nothing can separate us from God's love" (Romans 8:38-39).

That means no matter where you go or what happens, God will ALWAYS love you! Let me tell you about someone in the Bible named John. John was one of Jesus' good friends. John had a special name for himself—he called himself "the one Jesus loves." That was his favorite thing to remember—that Jesus loved him no matter what! .

DO IT: Reach your arms out as wide as you can. Keep stretching, stretch more! Good job!

SAY IT: God's love is so BIG and it never stops! (Pick up a paper chain and show it to the kids.)

Each of these links is like part of God's love. Now watch this... (gently pull and break a link). Oops! This chain broke! But guess what? God's love never breaks! No matter what happens, His love stays strong and never ends...

DO IT: Hold your arms out wide like a giant heart.

SAY IT: God's love is BIG and STRONG!

Sometimes we mess up by doing things that aren't kind. Maybe you didn't listen to our parents, yell, or take a toy. But guess what? God still loves you. He never says, "I don't love you anymore." He always says, "Come here, I still love you."

DO IT: Put your hands on your heart

SAY IT: God loves me, even when I mess up!

And when we know that God loves us, we can show that love to other people too! We can be kind, share our toys, give hugs, say nice words, and help someone who's sad. That's one way we show people that God's love is real.

PRAYER: Dear God, thank You for loving me with a love that never stops. Thank You for loving me when I'm happy, sad, silly, or even when I mess up. Help me show Your love to others this week. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

LESSOD QUESTIONS - 10 MINS

2 & 3Yt olds

Question 1: Does Jesus know you? (Yes)

Question 2: Can anything stop God's love? (No)

Question 3: Does God love you when you make a mistake? (Yes)

Question 4: Can we share God's love with others? (Yes)

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Question 1: What does the Bible say can separate us from God's love? Nothing!

Question 2: What did John call himself in the Bible? The one Jesus loves!

Question 3: Does God stop loving us when we mess up? No way!

Question 4: What are some ways you can show love to others? Sharing, helping, praying.

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ACTIVITY 1: BIG LOVE TOSS

Items Needed: Bean bags, buckets labeled God's Love

Connection: Kids declare a truth from the lesson that God's love big.

Directions: Kids take turns tossing bean bags into buckets of God's love.

ACTIVITY 2: HEAPT HUDT

Items Needed: Heart cutouts and basket/bucket

Connection: Jesus Loves You

Step 1: Hide heart cutouts throughout the classroom

Step 2: Allow the kids to search for the hearts

Step 3: For every heart found say God loves me!

ACTIVITY 3: BURBLE PARTY

Items Needed: Bubbles and music!

We've got some extra time today, so let's spend it worshipping and dancing with bubbles!

CRAFT OF COLORIDG SHEET (486 1 OR 2 OPTIODS DEPENDING OF CASS AGE & TIME) JESUS LOVES ME ORNAMENTS

Items Needed: Crayons or Markers, Jesus Loves Me Color Your Own Ornament Craft Kit

Connection: A daily reminder that Jesus loves us

Step 1: Pass out cross ornaments and crayon/markers

Step 2: Have the kids to color the ornaments

Step 3: Attach the included magnets to the back of the cross ornaments. Kids can take home to place on the refrigerator

COLORIDG SHEET: JESUS LOVES ME

Items Needed: Coloring sheet and crayons.

Connection: Nothing can separate us from the love of Jesus

Step 1: Distribute the coloring sheets and allow time to color.

