



MADE TO EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery



LOVE OTHERS SCENARIOS

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED:

- **Heart cut out** (Located in day 4 bag)
- **Music** (available on the children.ccm.com/2022vbs website)

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Love One Another/Philip and the Ethiopian Official
John 13:34-35, Acts 8:26-40

WHAT YOU DO:

- Direct the kids to form a seated circle.
- Give the heart to one kid.
- Instruct the kids to pass the heart around the circle as the music plays.
- Start the music.
- Stop the music at random.
- When the music stops, instruct the kid holding the heart to share the name of someone they see almost every day and how they know them. (*Example: "My brother who lives with me." "Tommy on my soccer team." etc.*)
- Invite the kids to raise their hands and share one example of how the person holding the heart could show love to the person they've named. (*Example: "You could let your brother pick what you watch on TV." "You could invite Tommy to come to church."*)
- Start the music again and repeat the activity.
- Stop the music strategically so every kid has a chance to name a person as the other kids share examples.
- Be prepared to help with examples if the kids are stumped.

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Love others the way
Jesus loves you.

KEY QUESTION

How can you love like Jesus?

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Wow! There are lots and lots of ways we can show love to the people around us. When we do, we'll be making waves just like Philip did! The best way we can help others know about Jesus and His love is by **LOVING** the people around us. So this week, when you have an opportunity, I want you to **love others the way Jesus loves you.**"

MEMORY VERSE

"Whoever believes in me . . . rivers of living water will flow from within them."
John 7:38, NIV

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way
I want to be treated.



MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space
for personal processing
and application



PRAY AND DISMISS [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED:

- **Prayer Card: Day 4** (Located in day 4 bag)
- **Pencils** (Located in Kids' bags)
- **Pins** (If you haven't already, pass out pins for day four and attach to lanyards)

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WHAT YOU DO:

- Make sure kids have a pencil, prayer card, and pin for day four.
- Point out the "splash" symbol on the prayer card and pin.
- Say: "You can make a big SPLASH when you [Bottom Line] love others the way Jesus loves you."
- Ask the kids to think of someone they're having trouble getting along with or someone who has been unkind to them.
- Encourage them to turn their card over and write the first letter of that person's name on the back of their card.
- Close in prayer—asking God to help kids love others as Jesus loves them, including the person noted on their cards.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"When someone is unkind to us, sometimes we want to be unkind right back! But that's not what Jesus did. He said to love our enemies and pray for those who hurt us. But we can't do that on our own. We need God's help to [Bottom Line] love others the way Jesus loves you. So why don't we pray and ask God to help us love others today?"

"Dear God, thank You that You love us no matter what. When we mess up, You always forgive. Please help us love others the way Jesus loves us. When it's hard and when it's easy and when we just don't feel like it, please help us to remember to treat others the way we would like to be treated. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."