

## MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



## BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

### WHAT YOU NEED:

- **Plastic Containers #20**
  - #1 filled 1/2 way up with water
  - #10 filled 1/2 way with sand
  - #9 empty
- **Blindfolds #20**

## TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

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

## TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

**Love others the way Jesus loves you.**

## KEY QUESTION

**How can you love like Jesus?**

## 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.**

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Choose one kid to wear the blindfold first.
- Help the kid put on the blindfold.
- As silently as possible, give out the sealed containers to the rest of the group.
- Instruct the group to scatter around the small group area and shake their containers.
- Direct the kid who is wearing the blindfold to find the container with water.
- Once the kid has found the water-filled container, invite a different kid to put on a blindfold.
- Direct the rest of the group to trade containers and start shaking them.
- Instruct the newly blindfolded kid to find the container of water.
- Play until everyone has had a turn finding the water.
- Once everyone has had a chance to find the water, discuss the following:
  - What did the Ethiopian official do when Philip brought him to the water? (*he immediately wanted to get baptized*)
  - What was special about how Philip helped the Ethiopian official? (*Philip went out of his way to love the official and tell him about Jesus.*)
  - When was the last time you went out of your way to help someone?
    - **[Make it Personal] (Share a story of your own as well.)**
  - One of the big ways we show love like Jesus is when we stop what we're doing and do something for someone else. When is it hard for you to do that?
  - Can you think of an example of how you can stop what you are doing to help someone else? (Possible examples: Stop playing a game to help my parent bring in groceries. Stop what I am doing to help my brother or sister with something.)

## MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space  
for personal processing  
and application



## MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

### WHAT YOU NEED:

- **Prayer Cards: Day 4** (Located in kids' bags)
- **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 each kid has a pencil, prayer card, and pin for day four.
- Direct the kids' attention to the splash on the prayer card and pin.
- Ask: "What kinds of actions make a splash and really show Jesus' love?"
- Invite the kids to turn over their prayer card and write or draw one way they plan to love their friends or family like Jesus this week.
- Close your group time in prayer.

### WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, thank You for showing us, through Jesus, what love looks like. Please help us to be patient and kind in the way we treat others, and not insist on our own plans. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."