



Center STAGE

LESSON 6

Lesson Goal: The children will learn that part of worshiping God is loving other people. We can show love in many different ways including kind words, gifts, touch, quality time and acts of service.

Main Point: I Worship God When I Love Others!

Bible Story: Peter heals a lame man at the gate. (Acts 3)

Bible Verse: I John 3:11 "This is the message you have heard from the beginning: We should love one another." NLT

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THESE ACTIVITIES?

Roadie Challenge (Weekly General Opening Activity)

This activity will teach the children the Main Point through a series of roadie-themed challenges and games.

Human Keyboard (Weekly General Opening Activity)

This activity will help the children memorize the Main Point through a music-themed game.

Skit and Bible Story (Large Group Activity)

This Skit and Bible Story will teach the children that part of worshipping God is loving other people. We can show love in many different ways including kind words, gifts, touch, quality time and acts of service.

Bible Verse Music Code (Weekly Small Group Activity)

This activity will show the children that the Bible teaches us that loving others is one way that we worship God.

Frame By Frame (Weekly Small Group Activity)

This activity will help the children review the content of the Bible Story.

Make Some Noise (Weekly Small Group Activity)

This craft activity will give the children a chance to make their own instruments to help them worship God.

Secret Handshake (Small Group Activity)

This activity will give the children a way to show love through appropriate touch.

Time Served (Small Group Activity)

This activity will help the children plan specific ways they can show love this week.

Use Your Words (Small Group Activity)

This activity will help the children think of different ways that they can use their words to show love.

Build A Rock Song (Review Game Activity)

This is a strategic time to review and reinforce the content of the lesson.

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LESSON 6: I WORSHIP GOD WHEN I LOVE OTHERS!

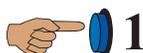
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Watching Bible Story and Skit on DVD

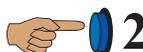


Purpose Statement: This Skit and Bible Story will teach the children that part of worshipping God is loving other people. We can show love in many different ways including kind words, gifts, touch, quality time and acts of service.

Materials/Props Needed: None.



• Lead the children through the opening activity "Roadie Challenge" or "Human Keyboard."



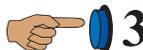
• Begin Worship Time.

Note: For this lesson use Sound Track CD #2.



TEACHER

(CD Track # 1) Our Center Stage tour is going strong and we are now ready to begin concert number six! It looks like Cloud 9 is ready to start us off so let's show the band some love. On your feet!



Note: Play "Song 1" Video chapter # 3.

Teacher leads the children in singing the song.

TEACHER

Another great beginning to what I know is going to be a great show, and I think Nate Lately of Cloud 9 would agree as well. Nate and the band have been talking a lot this week about showing love to one another. Nate likes for all of us to be on the same page during these shows and I agree. This week we're talking about showing love to others and why it is so important. I think our Main Point can tell us exactly why it's important. Let's have it on screen. **I Worship God When I Love Others!** This whole series has been about different ways we worship God and loving others is one of those ways. Let's stand and shout this Main Point with motions so we won't ever forget it.

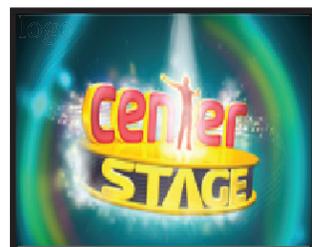


The Teacher leads the children by first demonstrating the Main Point with motions. These motions should be similar to cheerleader-type hand motions. The Teacher can make up the motions or have the children help come up with them. Once everyone has gone over the Main Point have the children repeat it with motions two or three times.

TEACHER

Nice shouting, everyone. Kind words are one of the ways we

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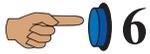
show love. However, besides saying kind words, we also show love by giving gifts, by spending quality time with each other, through touch like when we give hugs and high fives, and through acts of service. There are many different ways to show love and we worship God through all of them. The Bible is full of passages about people showing love and there are also many verses where God commands us to show love. This past week, the road pastor told the band a great story from the Bible about showing love. I think all of you should hear the story, too. If you brought your Bibles, open them up and turn to Acts, chapter 3. You'll be able to follow along with the story.



Note: Play "Bible Story Video" chapter # 5.

TEACHER

God healed that man so he could walk! That man truly understood how love can change someone. Now God might not use you to heal someone and make them walk, but He definitely wants to use you to heal people who are hurting on the inside. Showing love has the power to change people and really help them when they need it. It shows others that they aren't alone. I mentioned earlier that there are many verses in the Bible where God commands us to show love. Here's a good one that I want everyone to remember:



1 John 3:11 "This is the message you have heard from the beginning: We should love one another." NLT

TEACHER

This verse has really helped me because I need to be reminded to show love to other people. A lot of times it's hard to show love. Sometimes we're mad at people or maybe they've been mean to us, and sometimes we're just thinking more about ourselves than we are others. It isn't always easy and that's why we have to work extra hard at it. Speaking of working hard to show love, one of the reasons Nate picked the topic of showing love for this show is because the band had some problems with it this week. And we have some behind the scenes footage of what went down. Watch this:



Note: Play "Skit Video" chapter # 7.

TEACHER

I liked Nate's illustration about people and drums. Life is hard for people sometimes. Sometimes we feel like life is hammering on us like a drum. And those are the times that we need love the most. That's why we should take time to look around for people who are hurting. Because just like our Main Point tells us, when we show love to others we are worshiping God. *(looks at watch)* And it's time worship to God right now with a little help from Cloud 9! Everyone please stand and worship.

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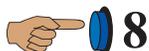
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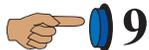


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Note: Play "Worship Concert" Video chapter # 8.

The Teacher leads the children in singing the songs and then begins the offering time.



OFFERING



TEACHER

(CD Track # 5) Come on, everyone, let's hear it for Cloud 9 and that great performance! (gives the children a few moments to clap and cheer) I also want to thank all of you for worshiping with us. We're going to continue to worship God with our offering. Let's pray.

Lead the children in prayer. If you want to, include elements of the lesson you are teaching today. For instance, today we are talking about how we worship God when we show love to one another. So you might say, "God, thank You for loving us. Please help us to show love to others around us and draw them closer to You." Take up the offering.



TEACHER

(CD Track # 1) Thanks, everyone. Even though the concert for today is over, and we just took up our offering and prayed, our time of worship isn't over. We're going to our Small Group time right now and we're going to learn more about showing love to one another. See you when you get back.

Note: If you are teaching this lesson in a classroom, you will also be the Small Group Leader teaching the children during the Small Group Time.



SMALL GROUPS

Teacher greets children as they return from Small Groups.



TEACHER

Now that everyone is back, I think we should review what we've been talking about today on the tour. Let's play our review game and Build A Rock Song!

Note: Lead the children through the questions. Hit "play" when a child has given you the right answer. Have the children get up and dance at the end.

CLOSING



TEACHER

(CD Track # 1) Now that the band is back together I think we

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can continue the tour. Great job on those questions. We'll see all of you down the road at the next concert stop. Remember our Main Point: **I Worship God When I Love Others!**

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Bible Verse Music Code

Lesson 6 - I Worship God When I Love Others!
Weekly Small Group Activity

Purpose: This activity will show the children that the Bible teaches us that loving others is one way that we worship God.

Description: The children will decode and discuss three Bible verses, including this week's Bible Verse, using a music-based code.

Materials Needed: For this activity you will need this help sheet, a white board or a large sheet of paper, and a marker. For each child you will need a Bible, the "Bible Verse Code Sheet Lesson 6", and "Music Code Key Sheet Lesson 6" from your Lesson Materials CD-ROM.

Note: Have the Bible Verse for the week written on the board and covered up.

To introduce the activity say:

1. I have a musical code for you to solve.
2. One of these three codes tells us where to find this week's Bible Verse.
3. The other two verses tell us more about what we are learning today.
4. Decode the references and we will look up the verses to find out what the Bible has to say about worship.
5. There are two parts to the code: the shape of the note and the line or space that the note is on.
6. For example, the note with two flags on it is called a sixteenth note. When the sixteenth note is on the bottom line it stands for the number eight, but when the sixteenth note is on the middle line it stands for the number three.

Note: Pass out the sheets and Bibles. Help and encourage the children in decoding the verses.

For detailed instructions on how to do the activities, see the DVD.

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To lead the activity say:

1. After you have decoded the reference, you can look up the verse and we will talk about it.
2. Let's read the Bible Verses out loud when you find them.

Note: Help the children find the verses and read them out loud. Discuss what each verse says as you read it.

*"This is the message you have heard from the beginning: We should love one another!"
1 John 3:11 (NLT)*

*"Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." John 13:35
(NLT)*

"Honor your father and mother. Love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 19:19 (NLT)

3. Which of these is our Bible Verse for this week? (1 John 3:11.)
4. What do all of these verses tell us about worship? (We should love others.)

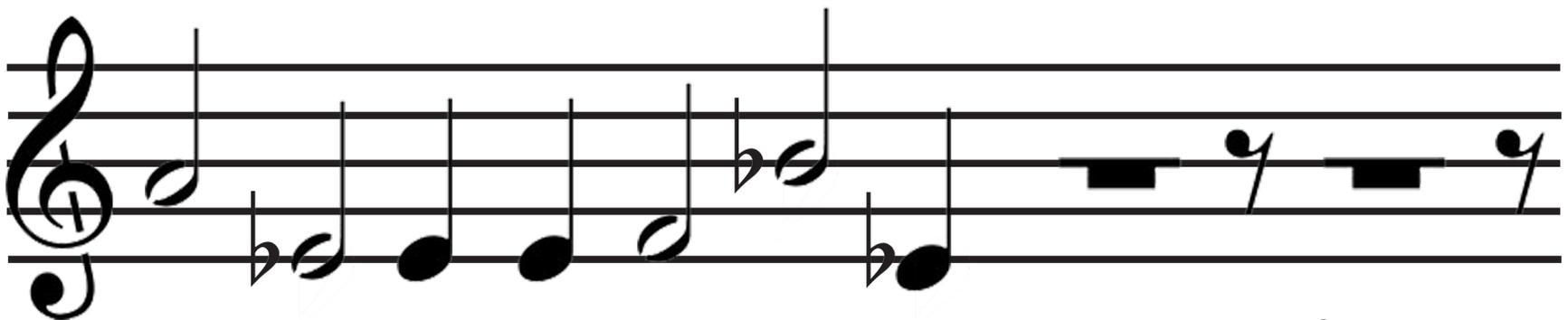
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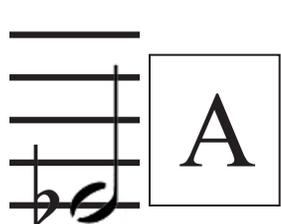
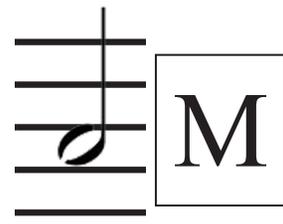
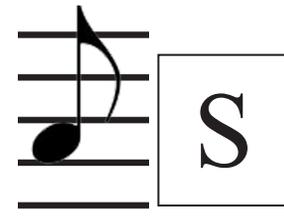
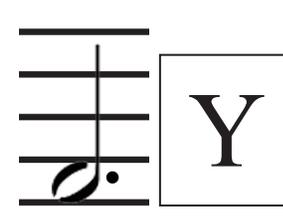
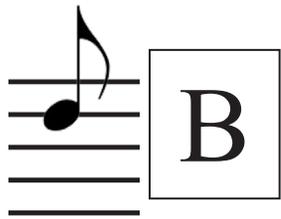
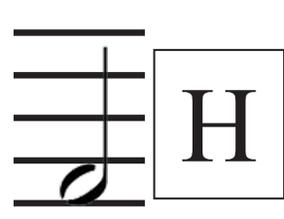
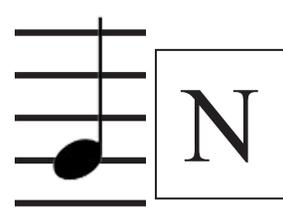
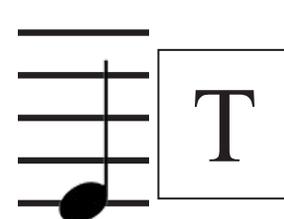
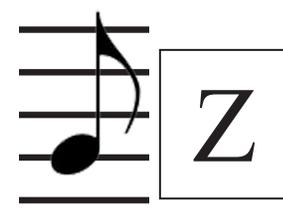
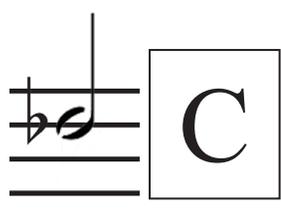
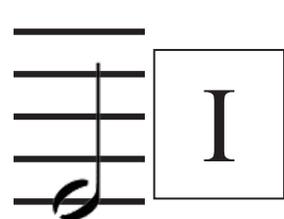
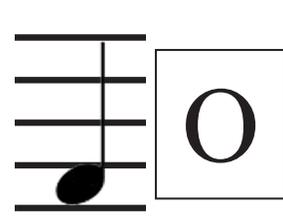
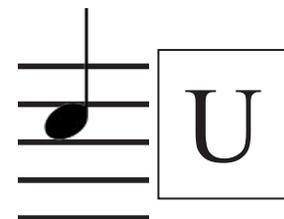
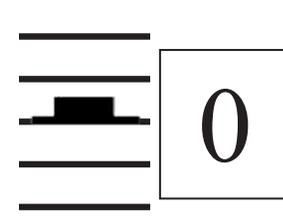
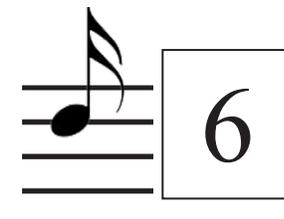
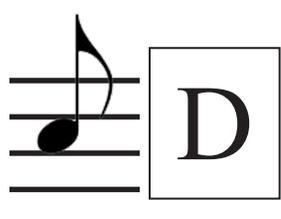
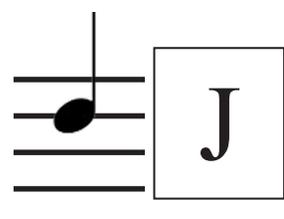
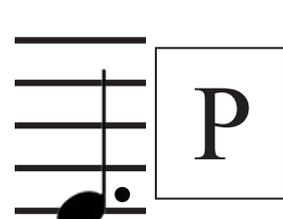
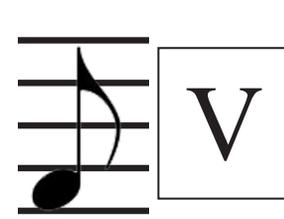
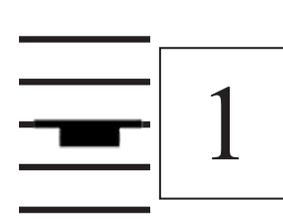
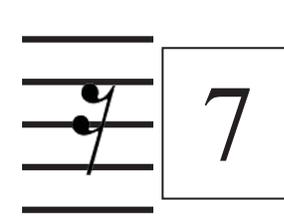
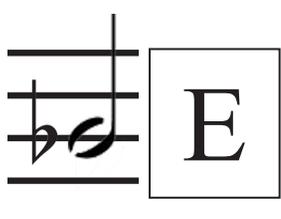
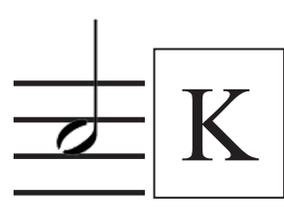
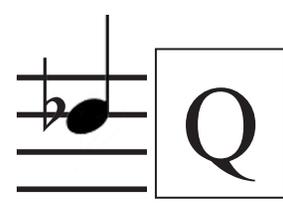
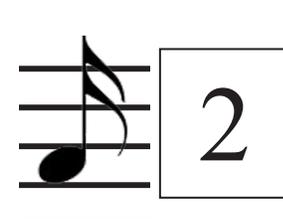
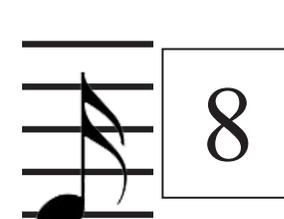
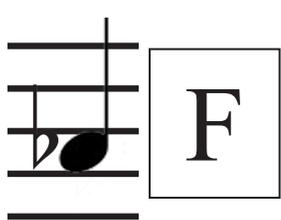
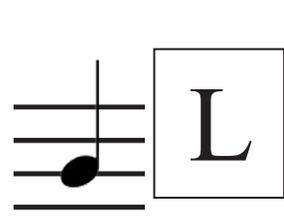
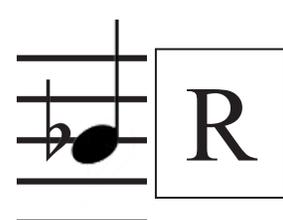
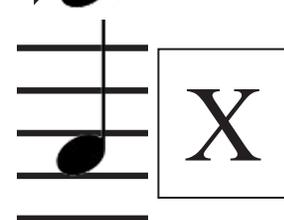
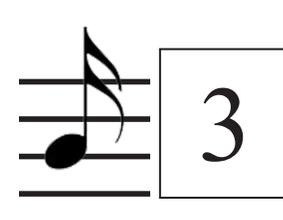
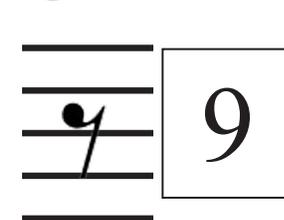
1. Good job finding all the verses. You are master music decoders!
2. Does anyone want to try saying our Bible Verse for today? (Yes, no.)

Note: Uncover the Bible Verse and repeat it with the children. Let anyone who wants to try saying it without looking have a turn.

Closing statement: Put this music code some place that you will see it regularly. Whenever you see these verses remember that we should love others and that loving others shows them that we worship God and that God loves them.

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Secret Handshake

Lesson 6 - I Worship God When I Love Others!
Small Group Activity

Purpose: This activity will give the children a way to show love through appropriate touch.

Description: The children will develop a secret handshake with a partner.

Materials Needed: For this activity you will need this help sheet.

To introduce the activity say:

1. Can you think of a way to show other people that you have a special relationship with someone? (*A hug, playing together, wearing wedding rings.*)
2. One way to show a relationship is to develop a secret handshake that only the two of you know.

For detailed instructions on how to do the activity see the DVD.

To lead the activity say:

1. I want you each to get a partner and come up with a secret handshake.
2. It might include specific motions or sounds, or even a bit of a song.
3. Once you and your partner create the handshake, you can teach it to your family at home and your friends at school.

Note: Help them get partners. Encourage them to develop their own fun handshake. For younger children, show five or six different moves and have them choose three to include in their handshake.

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4. Okay, now that you and your partner have a secret handshake, I hope that you are willing to demonstrate it for the rest of us.
5. Who wants to show off your handshake?

After the activity say:

1. When we share a secret handshake with someone we are showing each other that we are friends and that we love and care for each other.
2. What are some other ways to use our hands to show our friends and family that we love them? (*High five, hug, pat on the back.*)
3. When we show love to others we are also showing them God's love. When we do that, we are worshipping God.



Closing statement: Those were some great handshakes! Remember them and be sure to teach them to a friend or family member this week!



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Use Your Words

Lesson 6 - I Worship God When I Love Others!
Small Group Activity

Purpose: This activity will help the children think of different ways that they can use their words to show love.

Description: The children will think of reactions for different events.

Materials Needed: For this activity you will need this help sheet and the "Use Your Words Lesson 6" sheets from the Lesson Materials CD-ROM.

To introduce the activity say:

1. What did Peter do in our story today? (*He showed love by telling the paralytic about Jesus.*)
2. I want us to think of some ways we could use our words to show love.

For detailed instructions on how to do the activity see the DVD.

To lead the activity say:

1. I have some pictures with specific events on them.
2. I want us to think of words of love we could say to the person in the situation.
3. Here is the first situation.

Note: Show the first picture.

4. What do you think has happened in this picture? (*Someone is sad, someone found out he failed a test.*)
5. The picture says, "Your friend just found out he failed the math test."
6. What could you say to your friend? (*I can help you study next time if you want, don't worry, there will be other tests for you to do well on.*)
7. Excellent ideas. Let's try the next one.

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Note: Continue through the other pictures. Ask them to identify what has happened, and then how they could respond. Encourage them to think of loving and helpful responses.

After the activity say:

1. Sometimes it takes a minute to think of a loving response, but you all did very good.
2. God loves everyone, and we need to show His love to everyone around us.
3. Everyone around us needs God's love, and we can show His love to others by using our words in a loving way.



Closing statement: There are times when you can't give a gift or do a physical act to help others, but we can always use our words to show love. Let's try to use our words to show love to others every day.

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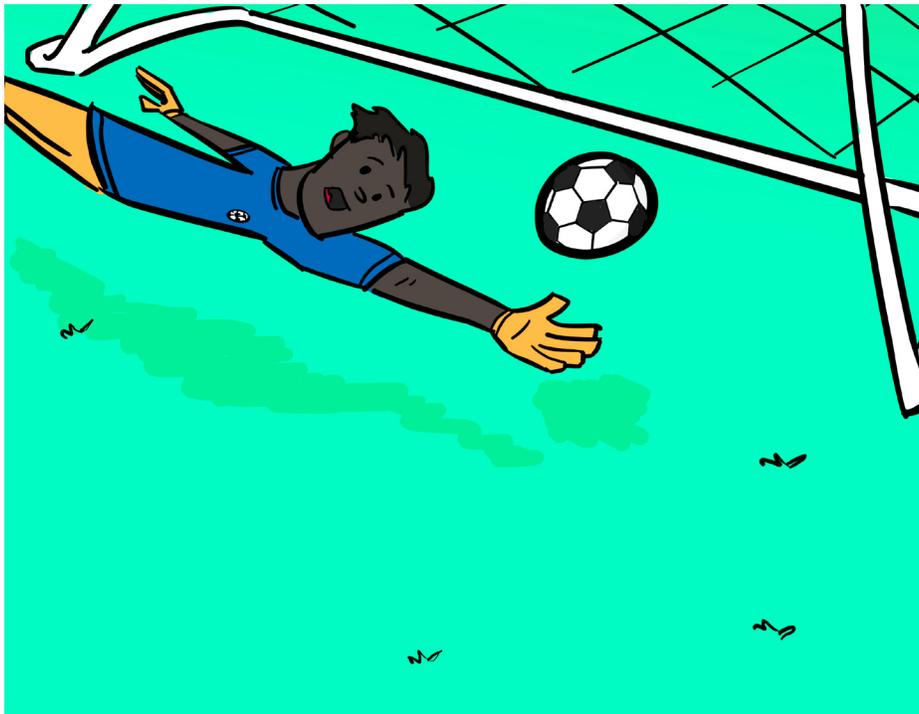
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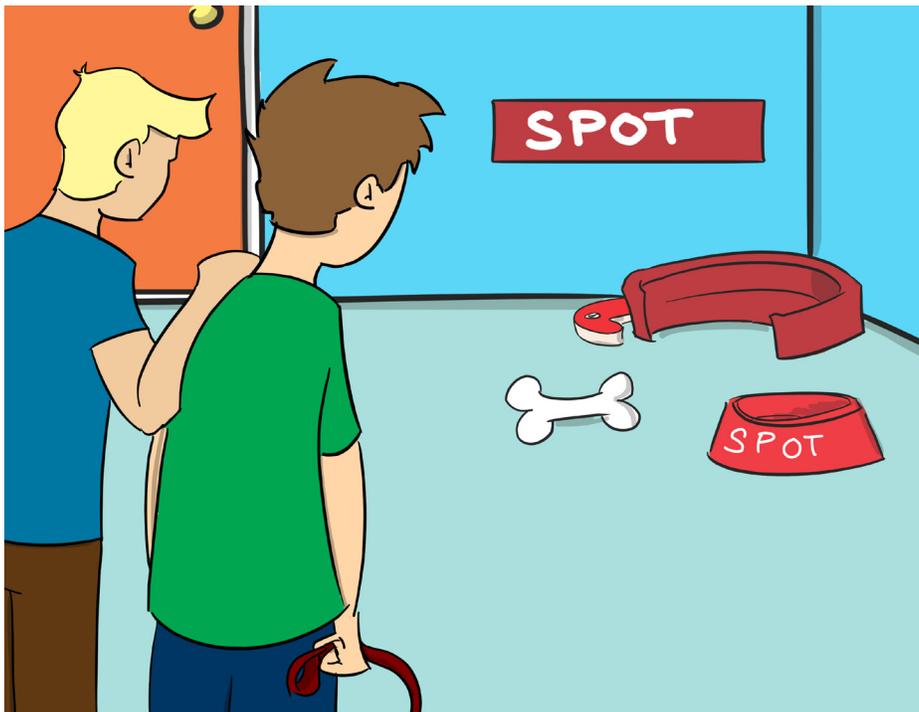
Your friend just found out he failed the math test.



Your friend falls down.



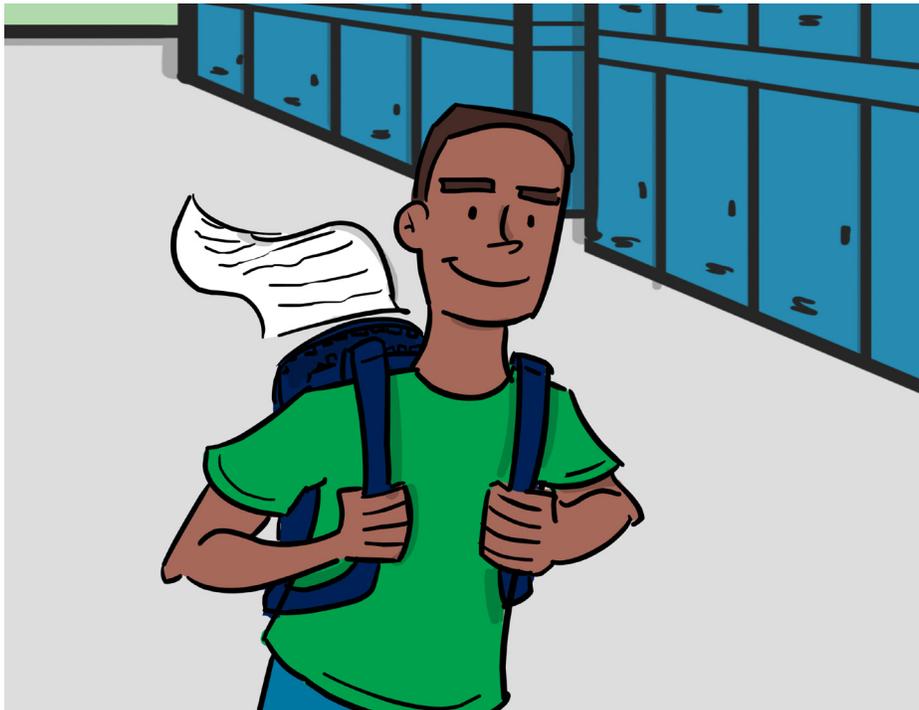
Your friend misses stopping a goal, so the other soccer team wins.



Your friend's pet dies.



Your friend has to move.



Your friend loses his homework.



Your friend finds out his parents are getting divorced.



Your friend is not invited to a birthday party and you are.



Your friend hates his new hair cut.



Your friend breaks her music box.



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Build A Rock Song

Lesson 6 - I Worship God When I Love Others! Review Game Activity

Purpose: This is a strategic time to review and reinforce the content of the lesson.

Materials Needed: DVD chapter "Review Game" Lesson 6.

Ask the following questions and then ask for volunteers to answer. If they answer correctly, hit "play" on the DVD.

- Which two of the following are reasons why we should show love to others?
 - Because God commands us to show love to others.
 - Because we love others when we worship God.
 - Because we worship God when we love others.
 - Because love helps us to have more friends.
- Name the 5 ways we show love to others.
Answer: Kind Words, Touch, Acts of Service, Gifts and Quality Time.
- True or false. If someone is mean to us, it is okay to not show them love.
 - True.
 - False.
- In today's Bible Story, how did Peter show love to the man who couldn't walk?
 - Peter gave the man all the money he had.
 - Peter made everyone else be nice to the man.
 - Peter carried him into the Temple.
 - Peter took time to tell him about Jesus and God healed him.
- Everyone needs love. According to Nate Lately, a person who needs love can feel like _____.
 - An old violin that still sounds great.
 - A concert with no audience.
 - A beat up drum.
 - An old guitar that no one plays.
- Fill in the blanks. I John 3:11 "This is the _____ you have heard from the beginning: We should love _____." (NLT)
 - message, one another.
 - commandment, each other.
 - advice, other people.
 - truth, others.