

Say: "Today we are going to make a prayer card. On this card, we will glue a prayer like the one we just recited." Distribute the prayers, oak tag, and photos. Help children glue the prayers in the middle of the oak tag and the photos on one side. Leave space for their own drawing.

Hold up face cards from the matching game; pointing to these and the pictures in the text, say: "These children are from different places all over the world. Now somewhere on the card, draw a picture of yourself."

When children have finished, make a hole at the top of the prayer card, and loop a strip of ribbon through the hole. As you hand the finished cards back, say: "When you take the prayer card home, share it with your family and decide where to hang it in your home to remind you of God's words: 'Love one another!'" 10 min.

9. Story Time: "This is My Son"

Conclude story time: "In the wilderness, Jesus had to think hard about who he was and what he was going to do. He spent his time praying. Let's try to follow Jesus and pray more this week."

10. Dismissal.

10 min.

Lesson 6: God is Love

Key Concepts

1. God is a loving, caring and forgiving God.
2. God loves us.
3. Our families love us.

Objectives

During this session, students will

1. Examine the display table.
2. Respond to questions about an imaginary merry-go-round ride.
3. Recite John 13:34.
4. Discuss how we can share God's love.
5. Memorize the words *Asdvadz Ser Eh*/God is love.
6. Perform the chant – Love One Another.
7. Make a love bracelet.

Materials Needed

1. On the display table, the following items are suggested: a LOVE bracelet*; the word LOVE printed on a piece of paper (8"x10"); any pictures cut from magazines showing parents and children (grandparents, too) and friends.
2. Ribbon or yarn; scissors; beads for each child to spell LOVE.
3. A Children's Bible.

* This is made with individual beads or small squares with letters printed on them that can be strung on a ribbon or chain; these are widely available in craft stores or arts and crafts catalogues.

Procedure

1. Welcome children warmly and direct them to the display table. Encourage them to look at the objects. Say: "Who can find the word love on the table?"

2. Stand to say the opening prayer. 5 min.
3. Move to the story corner. Say: “Let’s look at the pictures of merry-go-rounds.” Begin to read *Our Life Together*. Read the entire story, taking time to ask and discuss the questions. 10 min.
4. Say: “In the Bible passage today God tells us about love.” Read *God’s Word to Us* and *We Learn About God* and discuss the questions at the bottom of the page. 5 min.
5. Say: “Look at the picture of an altar.” Read *Our Armenian Way*. “In this lesson, we remember that God loves all of us, and we should always remember his words, ‘Love one another as I love you.’” Explain briefly the meaning of the words *loving, caring and forgiving*. Then introduce and teach the words *Asdvadz ser eh*/God is love in Armenian and English. 5 min.
6. Snack. 10 min.
7. Say: “We are going to make love bracelets.” Read from *We Celebrate*. Hold up the word LOVE from the display table. Ask: “What does God want us to do?” (Love one another.) Say: “I am giving each of you the letters that will spell the word *Love* along with some ribbon. How do we spell love? Look at the card. L – O – V – E spells LOVE. ” (Some of your students may need additional help.)
Say: “Begin to put your letters on the ribbon. Bring your bracelet to me when you are finished so I can tie it around your wrist.” Say: “Come and stand in a circle. Now I am going to teach you a chant, a kind of poem. It is called “*Love One Another*.” Refer to *We Celebrate*. “I will say a line, and you echo the words that I say.” Recite both verses. If there is time, repeat the chant one more time. The children can try to snap their fingers or clap their hands. Whisper the line, *love one another*. 15 min.
8. Story Time: “Follow Me”
Conclude story time: “Jesus began his wonderful work with a special group of followers, people who would listen, and learn and then teach others. We are his followers today!”
9. Dismiss the class. 10 min.

Lesson 7: Noah and A New World

Key Concepts

1. God created life again with Noah and his family.
2. God pledged his love with the sign of a rainbow.

Objectives

During this session, students will

1. Examine the display table.
2. Listen to a story about a girl named Ani.
3. Listen to a Bible passage about Noah and the ark.
4. Discuss the wonders of God.
5. Review the story of Noah.