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## Lesson #1

### LOVE

The purpose of this lesson plan is to:

- Create a fun and interactive learning experience
- Provide teaching options in addition to the Leader Q Card
- Creatively revisit the Bible story featured in the teaching video
- Give kids an opportunity to further explore the application point

### PROGRAM

Activity	Length of Segment	Running Time
Q Card: Discussion	15 minutes	Start-15 minutes
Picture: Bible Story	5 minutes	15-20 minutes
Play: Learning Activity	10 minutes	20-30 minutes
Plan: Group Commitment	5 minutes	30-35 minutes
Pray: Prayer Cards	5 minutes	35-45 minutes

### PREP

You will need:

- **Small Group:** 2 small balls, 2 crosses (pictures or real crosses)
- **Large Group:** One small ball per 8-10 kids, One cross per 8-10 kids (picture or real cross)
- **Game Prizes (optional)**
- **Story Props (optional)**
- **Prayer Cards (1 per kid)**
- **MAP Books (1 per kid)**

### PICTURE

(The Bible Story)

In this portion of your class time you have the opportunity to retell the Bible story presented earlier in the teaching video. The object is to paint a picture that kids will understand and remember. When telling the story, remember you are painting a picture for your viewers. Have fun and explore your creativity. Here are some ideas to make your storytelling more memorable:

- Ask kids to play the vine, branches, and gardener
- Act out the story
- Use props: tree branches, fruit, yarn to connect the vines with the branches

### The Vine and the Branches

John 15:1-5

I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. You have already been pruned for greater fruitfulness by the

**message I have given you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot bear fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful apart from me.**

**PLAY**  
**(Learning Activity)**

**In this portion of your class time you will lead your class in a fun and exciting activity that will help your kids apply the Bible lesson to their everyday lives.**

**“Soccer Connection”**

**HOW TO START:**

- **Small Group: Divide kids into 2 teams (4-5 players each). Ask each team to sit in a circle on the ground.**
- **Large Group: Divide kids into teams of 8-10 kids each. Ask each team to sit in a circle on the ground.**

**HOW TO PLAY:**

- **Say, “This game is called Soccer Connection. This game will help us remember that Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. When we stay connected to him, he helps us to love others.”**
- **Place a cross in the middle of each circle.**
- **Each player on each team then sits on his/her knees and places BOTH hands on the cross.**
- **The players must keep BOTH hands on the cross throughout each round.**
- **Give a small ball to each team.**
- **Begin round #1. Each team then uses their knees to pass the ball around the circle one time.**
- **If anyone lifts his/her hands off of the cross during the round, the team must start the ball back at the first player and start over.**
- **The team that finishes first, earns a chance to answer the following question: “What are 3 ways you can show love to others?”**
- **After the team answers the question, award 10 points. Repeat all steps for 3-5 more rounds.**

**PLAY OPTIONS:**

- **Hand out game prizes (optional)**

## **PLAN**

**(Group Commitment)**

**In this portion of your class time you have the opportunity to lead your group to make a commitment. You may select any ONE of the options provided or your group may create its' own. Encourage the kids to write their commitments on their Prayer Cards so you can be praying for them during the week.**

### **Commitment Options:**

- **Make a painting of a vine and branches. Hang it up in your room.**
- **Write down the names of 2 people who are hard to get along with. Make a list of ways you could show love to them.**
- **Spend 2 minutes each day praying and asking God to help you be a more loving person.**

## **PRAYER**

**In this portion of your class time, have your kids fill out the Prayer Card. Take the cards home and pray for your kids throughout the week. End your time together by praying for your group commitment.**

### **Hand out prayer cards**

- **Ask Kids to fill in their commitments in the space provided**
- **Ask kids to fill in their prayer requests in the space provided**
- **Collect cards so you can take them home and pray for your kids**
- **Close in prayer**

***God, thank you for your great love for us. We know that all love comes from you because you are love. Please work through us to help us be more loving people at home, at school, and wherever we go this week. Help us to stay connected to you because you are the vine and we are the branches. And help us to remember to do the things we have committed to do this week. We love you. In Jesus' name, Amen.***

### **Remember to...**

- **Hand out the MAP Books.**
- **Encourage kids to complete at home with an adult and bring back next week!**

**LIVE IT!**

When you love someone you:

1. Look for ways to **HELP** them
2. Look for ways to **SHARE** with them.
3. Look for ways to **GIVE**

You know God is growing love in your life when you respond in a loving way to those you love the least. In what ways have you responded differently to someone difficult to love. This week I:

**HELPED...** \_\_\_\_\_

**SHARED...** \_\_\_\_\_

**GAVE...** \_\_\_\_\_

**"If you love those who love you, what good is there in that? Even bad people love those who love them." — Luke 6:32 (World English Version)**

**MAX MEMORIZED THIS VERSE.**  
Now it's your turn! Check the box to the right when you finish.

YES, I, \_\_\_\_\_ have completed this week's M.A.P. book!

your name here

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**KIDMO!**  
**M.A.P.**  
MISSION ACTION PLAN

**SURFSIDE**  
**JOHNNY**

**SUMMER II SLAM!**  
EPISODE 1

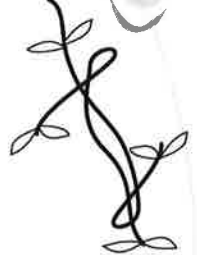
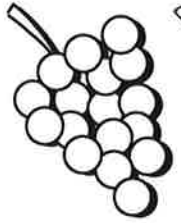
# LEARN IT!

LOVE GROWS FROM THE INSIDE OUT, AND THE ONLY WAY TO TRULY BE A LOVING PERSON IS TO HAVE GOD'S LOVE GROWING OUT OF US.

Look up John 15:1-5

Jesus talks about being connected to the vine.

Just like apples cannot grow unless they are connected to a branch, we cannot grow to be more loving unless we have Jesus in us. Connect the fruit with its source:



# LINK IT!

Love grows from God. If we have Jesus in our life, God will give us opportunity to grow his love in us.

Circle the fruits of the spirit listed in Galatians 5:22, 23

- Love
- Faithfulness
- pudding
- peace
- Kindness
- Joy
- Faith
- Oranges
- Goodness
- Gentleness
- Apples
- self control
- Knowledge
- Patience



You learn to love when, "You \_\_\_\_\_ those you \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_"

Find the correct words to complete today's Compass Point.

- Like
- Give
- Cherish
- Least
- Most
- Share
- Eat
- pie
- Love

Keep surfin'!

**Theme: LOVE**

### **LEARN IT**

**We want the Holy Spirit to grow spiritual fruit in our life that can be seen by everyone.**

**LOOK IT UP: Galatians 5:22, 23**

### **BIBLE STORY**

**“Jesus talks about being connected to the vine”**

**John 15: 1-5**

**Love grows from the inside out, and the only way to truly be a loving person is to have God's love growing out of us. Just like apples cannot grow unless they are connected to a branch or grapes cannot grow unless they are connected to a vine, we cannot grow to be more loving unless we have Jesus in us.**

### **LINK IT**

**The Bible says that love grows from God. If we have Jesus in our life, God will give us an opportunity to grow his love in us. The bad news is, we truly learn to love when we learn to love those we love least.**

### **LIVE IT**

**So how do you learn to love someone that makes love difficult?**

**When you love someone you:**

- 1. Look for ways to HELP them**
- 2. Look for ways to SHARE with them**
- 3. Look for ways to GIVE**

**You know God is growing love in your life when you respond in a loving way to those you love the least.**

### **COMPASS POINT**

**You learn to love when, “You love those you love the least.”**

### **MEMORY MAX**

**“If you love those who love you, what good is there in that? Even bad people love those who love them.” Luke 6:32 (World English Version)**



### Have you ever grown something?

**RECALL** a time you planted something that grew. What did you plant? How did you tend to the plant as it grew?

**ASK:** "Have you ever grown anything?"

### Why would we want to grow God's fruit in our life?

Look up **John 15: 1-5**

**ASK:** "What does Jesus mean when he talks about being connected to the vine?"

**BRAINSTORM** with your group ways that we show others we love them. See if your group can name more than ten things.

### How can we grow the fruit of God's love in our life?

Is this week's Compass Point true or not true? Why?

**COMPASS POINT:** You learn to love when, "You love those you love the least."

Loving those that are difficult to love is the key to growing the fruit of God's love in our life. How can you respond differently to someone that is difficult to love?

**REVIEW** this week's **Memory Max** (with the hand motions) "If you love those who love you, what good is there in that? Even bad people love those who love them." —**Luke 6:32** (**World English Version**)

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