Love One Another
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Dear Parents,

How to treat one another remains one of God’s greatest directives, and perhaps the most pertinent lesson to teach a growing child. Learning to love one another is a difficult task for everyone, adults as well as children, and best tackled with the knowledge that our learning never ends.

There is hope. One parent gave this feedback, “One day my three-year-old daughter, after reading and exploring this topic for a month, commented to her older brother when slighted over popcorn one evening, “That’s not loving one another! You need to share!” They now continuously remind each other, and their parents, what it means to show love.

Sowing the seeds of love towards others is a great gift to teach our children, and one that we will explore this month through our four stories, verse, song, and prayers in our monthly theme of 

**Love One Another.**

Our verse for the month: *This is my commandment that you love one another. John 13:34*

Song: *This is my Commandment*

The books we will be reading:

*Sue and Chip*
*The Good Samaritan*
*Juan’s Cars*
*Esther*

We will have copies of the books with a parent/child study guide for you to take home.

We hope that you will spend time talking with your child about the importance of loving one another this month and beyond. Let us know how we can help you in this spiritual journey of parenting.

Blessings,

Children’s Ministry Director
This is my commandment that you love one another.

John 13:34
**Song:**

This is my Commandment

This is my commandment that you love one another,
That your joy may be full.

This is my commandment that you love one another,
That your joy may be full.

That your joy may be full,
That your joy may be full,

This is my commandment that you love one another,
That your joy may be full.

**Prayer:**

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for loving me. Help me to love others as you have commanded.
In Jesus’ name,
Amen.
Sunday School Suggested Order of Activities

10-15 minutes: Children Arrive; Playtime

5 minutes: Clean-up and gather for Circle time

15 minutes: Circle Time

Gather children around and welcome
Remind children of the Theme of the month
Sing Song
Say Verse
Read Story
Ask three questions
Explain Craft- show example
Pray

10 minutes: Craft

15 minutes: Playtime; Parent pick-up

**** All times are approximate. The order and length of the circle time can be expanded. For example, if more than one song is desired, then certainly that is encouraged. Furthermore, expanded prayer times with prayer requests, longer welcoming times getting to know students is helpful, and further follow-up questions can be added naturally. These times are simply a suggestion and were designed to create a cohesive and consistent experience from week to week.
Week One
Sue and Chip

Illustrated by Jean Evanson
Sue is a little girl with black hair and brown eyes who loves horses and lollipops!

Chip has short brown hair and brown eyes and plays spaceships with his model airplanes.

Sue and Chip live in a little house, with a green yard, and a spotted dog named Boo.
One day Sue was playing with her black and white horse named Ed, when she noticed Chip tossing a ball to Boo in the backyard.
“I want to play,” said Sue dropping her horse and grabbing the ball.

“That’s not fair! I was playing with the ball,” said Chip.

The two children, with both hands on the ball, tugged and tugged.
Suddenly they fell backwards into the green grass.

“That was your fault,” they both yelled at each other.

They were very mad.
“That’s not the way we love one another,” said a voice from the porch.

Sue and Chip looked over, there was Old Gramps.

“God tells us to love another, that means treating each other like best friends even when you are angry.”
They both knew that Gramps was right. God wants everyone to love one another. That means treating other people the way you like to be treated even when you are angry or sad.

“Here’s the ball Chip,” said Sue, “I’m sorry I took it.”

“I’m sorry too,” said Chip, “C’mon, let’s play!”
Classroom Questions

What does God tell us to do?

What does loving one another look like?

How did Sue and Chip show that they loved one another?

Parent/child weekly study

Sue and Chip are brother and sister and were fighting over a toy. Have you ever fought over a toy?

When Sue and Chip remembered that they were supposed to love one another, what did they do?

How do we show love to one another in this family?

When we are angry at someone, or hurt, or upset, how can we show love to that person?
Weekly Craft Activity

Framed Verse

Materials

Copies of Verse
Various Decorations
Construction Paper
Glue
Yarn
Hole Punch
Box of Decorations

- Children Glue Verse to the construction paper.

- Decorate framed verse using various buttons, stickers, noodles, etc.

- Use hole punch and yarn to make hanger.
This is my commandment that you love one another.

John 13:34
Sue and Chip
Toddler Version

Sue and chip lived in a little house with a dog named Boo.

One day Sue saw Chip playing ball with Boo.

“I want to play!” She said.
“No! I want to play!” Chip replied.

They were tugging on the ball and both fell in the grass. They were mad.

“That’s not the way you love one another,” said Grandpa.

Sue and Chip knew that Grandpa was right, loving one another means sharing.
Week Two
The Good Samaritan

Illustrated by Noel Tuazon
A long time ago there was a man who loved God and loved others.

He was a kind and gentle man who knew that God loves everyone, and therefore he should love everyone too.
In his land there were two different groups of people.

He was called a Samaritan; the other people were called Israelites.

The Samaritans and Israelites didn’t like each other much, even though they lived right next to each other.
One day an Israelite was traveling on a road and some bad men came by and hurt him. They left him lying by the side of the road.

Many other people saw him lying there, hurt and scared, but they passed him by.

Then the Samaritan walked by and saw him. He felt very sad and wanted to help the Israelite. He put medicine and bandages on his cuts, and then put him on his donkey.
He took him to an inn, and stayed with him through night to make sure he would be all right.
The next day he left some money to pay for the innkeeper to take care of him.

Everyone was so amazed that the Samaritan helped the man because the man was an Israelite, and they were supposed to be enemies. But the Samaritan knew that God tells us to love everyone.
He says in the Bible: “This is my commandment that you love one another. John 13:34”

Sometimes it is hard to love one another. Some people are mean to us, or call us names. Sometimes they tease us or take our toys. But God wants us to love everyone, even if we don’t like them.

We love one another because God loves us!
Classroom Questions

What were the names of the two groups of people?

What did the Good Samaritan do?

What would you have done if you found someone that was hurt?

Parent/child weekly study

The Good Samaritan is a story about helping others, even if they are not our friends. Who do we know that we could help?

The Good Samaritan did what was right, even when others just ignored the hurt man. Can you tell me when you did something that was right?

What can we do when we see someone that is hurt? Who can you go to for help?

Why do you think the Israelites and the Samaritans didn’t like each other?

Is there someone that you don’t like? Why? How can we change that?
Weekly Craft Activity

I Love…page

Materials

Copy of “I Love” page
Glue
Cut out shapes
Crayons

Students glue shapes onto the page to represent different people.

Then use the crayons to put faces and background to the people.

Teacher or student can put the name of the person represented under each figure.

This craft should foster a conversation between student and teacher about different people that the child loves. For example, if the child wants to use triangles to represent Dad, that is perfectly acceptable.
I Love
Sample of finished craft
The Good Samaritan
Toddler Version

Once there was a man who loved God very much.

This man was a Samaritan. There were also Israelites living nearby. They didn’t like each other.

One day the Good Samaritan saw a man hurt on the road. He stopped and helped that man.

He took him to a doctor. God was happy that he took care of the man. That shows that he loved others.

God wants us to love one another, just like the Good Samaritan.
Week Three
Juan’s Cars
Juan was very excited. Today was a special day at preschool. Today he was going to show his new cars at show and tell.

“Do you have all of your cars?” asked Juan’s mom as she buckled his seat belt in the car.

“Yes, I have them all. I have one, two, three, four, five cars to show. The blue one is my favorite!” he replied
When they got to preschool Juan could hardly wait for show and tell.

First they did circle and Ms. Julie read them a book. Then they sang the ABC song and counted to 20.

Finally it was time for Juan to show his cars.

“What did you bring today?” asked Ms. Julie
“Cars!” Juan exclaimed while he pulled them out of his bulging pocket.

“Wow!” said Ms. Julie, “those are great! Where did you get them?”

“I got them for my birthday, they are my favorite cars!”

Everyone loved Juan’s cars; in fact they wanted to play with them.
“O.K. everyone,” said Ms. Julie, “you have 15 minutes to play before snack time, maybe you can play with Juan and his cars.”

Juan didn’t know if he wanted to share his cars. They were his special cars that he got for his birthday.

All the kids were gathered around him now.

“I want to play with the red one,” said Joe.

“I want to play with the green one,” said Kitty.

“I want the yellow one,” said Caleb.

“I want the purple one,” said Violet.

“I want the blue one,” said Megan.

“No! These are my special cars! I got them for my birthday! I don’t want to share them,” thought Juan.

Then he remembered what he learned in Sunday school.

He remembered the verse “This is my commandment that you love one another, John 13:34.”

God wants us to love one another, that means treating others as you want to be treated. That means sharing, even if you don’t want to, because that is showing love to one another.
This is my commandment that we love one another.
Juan smiled. He knew that God wanted him to love the other kids.

“Here you go,” he said.

He gave the red car to Joe and the green car to Kitty.

He gave the yellow one to Caleb and the purple car to Violet.

He even gave his favorite blue car to Megan.

All the kids laughed and smiled and when they finished playing they gave the cars back to Juan.

Loving others was pretty fun after all!
Classroom Questions

What did Juan want to show during ‘show and tell’?

What did Juan remember about loving others?

What did Juan do then?

Parent/child weekly study

In this story Juan was very excited to show his cars to his friends, but he didn’t want to share them. Have you ever wanted to not share something? What?

What does God teach us about sharing?

What are others ways that we can show love to others?

What should we do if others are not nice to us?

Who do we know that we can show love to? How?
Weekly Craft Activity

Juan’s Cars

Materials

Cutout Cars
Cutout circles
Crayons
Glue

Previous to class, copy and cut out cars.

Children can color the cars.

Children put a happy face on the circle.

Glue the circle to the car representing a face.

Optional: Cut out wheels and have children glue on wheels.
Optional: Cut cars out of construction paper using different colors. Write the words on instead.
Loving One Another means Sharing our Toys.
Today was a special day. Juan was going to show his cars at preschool during ‘show and tell.’

When he got to school he listened patiently to the story.

Then it was his turn to show his cars. “Look at my cars!” he said.

All the kids loved his cars. They wanted to play with them.

Juan didn’t want them to play with his cars. They were his special cars.

But then he remembered that God tells us to love one another.

So, Juan shared his cars and everyone was happy. Loving one another means sharing.
Week Four
Esther
Esther was a young girl who lived long ago before there were cars or airplanes.

She was a brave girl, who loved her family very much.

She also loved God and prayed every day that he would help her.
One day the King of her land was searching for a nice woman to be his wife.

He met Esther and thought she was beautiful and kind. He decided he wanted to marry her.

At first Esther was sad because she had to leave her family, but she knew that God had a plan for her and prayed to him to help her understand what that plan was.
One day Esther heard some scary news: someone was trying to hurt her family and send them away. That someone was the King’s best friend Haman.

This made Esther very sad because she loved her family so much, but she also knew that the King loved his best friend Haman.
What should Esther do? If she told the King about Haman wanting to send her family away, he would get very angry and might send her away too!

But Esther loved her family so much that she had to save them and take that risk.

So she prayed that God would help her do what was right.
She invited the King to dinner. The King was very happy so Esther told the King everything.

“King,” she said to him, “Haman is trying to hurt my family, and I love them so much that I had to tell you.”

The King could see that Esther was telling the truth and decided to send Haman away instead.
Esther had saved her family! She loved them so much that put herself in danger to save them.

Sometimes it is not easy to make the right decisions, especially when it is scary, but God loves us and tells us to love one another, just as Esther loved her family.

He tells us: “This is my commandment that you love one another, John 13:34.”
Classroom Questions

What did Esther do every day?

Why did Esther get scared?

What did Esther do to save her family?

Parent/child weekly study

In this story Esther was very scared because she thought the King would send her away. When have you felt scared?

What did you do?

Who can you talk to when you are scared?

God wants to help you when you feel scared. When you feel this way you can pray to him. Let’s practice praying to God.

Esther saved her family by doing what was right. She was brave. When have you been very brave?
Loving Crowns

Materials:

Construction paper cut out crowns
Box of decorations (buttons, beads, noodle, sequins, stickers, yarn etc.)
Glue
Pens
Stapler/staples

Previous to class, cut out crowns using pattern.

Have children select and decorate crowns using your box of decorations and glue.

Write on crown: LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Talk to students about how queen Esther loved her family and you can love others just as she did.

Staple crowns together to fit child’s head.
CROWN
PATTERN
BAND
Esther
Toddler Version

Esther was a young girl who loved God very much.

Esther married a King. She was happy to marry him, but sad to leave her family.

Then the King’s friend Haman tried to hurt Esther’s family.

Esther prayed to God to help her tell the King, because Haman was the King’s friend.

The next day she told the King and he helped her family. She was happy.

Esther’s family was happy too. It is good to help others, that is loving one another.
Monthly Assessment: Love One Another

Your child: 
Age: 
Date: 

Progress: Mastered Developing New N/A

Sings: This is my Commandment

Can recite: John 13:34

Can explain what loving one another looks like

Prays about loving others

Comments:
Supplemental Activities

These supplemental pages were designed to give teachers further options for crafts or activities in the classroom.
Put your name in the space and read the message.

Jesus loves __________.

Jesus commands __________
To love one another.

When __________ loves others
it makes Jesus happy!

When __________ loves others
it shows God’s love.
Help the little heart find the big heart!
How many hearts can you find?
Solve the maze!
ABC Dot to Dot

F  H
E  G  I
D  J
C  K
B  L
AM
Trace the letters and read the message!

LOVE
ONE
ANOTHER
Draw a picture of someone you love!
Fill in the blanks with the names of those you love!

I Love ______________

I Love ______________

I Love ______________

I Love ______________
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