

Application Activities

Select from the following choices. Each choice is designed for 20 minutes of small group time.

Pull It Together

Poster board (use a half sheet for each child plus a single full sheet), pencils, markers, black construction paper, peel-and-stick paper, glue, tape, scissors

- Print and cut out "Person Pattern" (CD) for each child.
- Use portrait orientation and cut the pieces of poster board in half vertically.
- Fold each cut piece of poster board in half horizontally to form a stand up floor sign.
- Use tape to attach a single piece of uncut poster board to a focal wall.

Teacher Tip

Use yellow poster board to give the sign a more realistic appearance.

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Poster board, marker, tape

- Attach poster board to focal wall.

Worship Through Arts and Crafts

- Review the Bible story. Focus attention on Jesus' attitude of love toward the woman.
- Ask: "What are ways or actions by which we show love?" List responses on the piece of poster board attached to the wall. Help the children consider ways they show love to specific people like parents, teachers, relatives, friends, siblings, church members, and people on the street.
- Provide each child with a "Person Pattern." Guide him to use a pencil to trace the pattern on top of a piece of the peel-and-stick paper.
- Lead each child to use the markers to write inside the traced pattern words and phrases from the list. Assure him that it is okay to write in a variety of directions and sizes.
- Guide each child to cut out the pattern, peel away the backing, attach the pattern to a piece of construction paper, and trim the construction paper to produce a black outline around the pattern.
- Help each child glue his outlined pattern to one side of the floor sign. Instruct him to write the word *ATTENTION* above the pattern and the words *LOVE AT WORK* below the pattern.
- Encourage the children to display their signs at home.
- Lead the children in a prayer, asking for God's help in loving other people.

Worship Through Dramatic Play

- Review the Bible story. Focus attention on Jesus' attitude of love toward the woman.
- Ask: "What are ways or actions by which we show love?" List responses on poster board. Help the children consider ways they show love to specific people like parents, teachers, relatives, friends, siblings, church members, and people on the street.
- Enlist three children to serve as judges.
- Form three teams from the remaining children. The teams do not need to be even.
- Assign one of the following scenes to each team: home, school, and church.
- Instruct each team to create a skit that involves all team members and shows love in action at the assigned location. Inform the teams that their skits will be evaluated by the three judges.
- Instruct the judges to determine the criteria by which they will judge the skits and the kind of scoring system they will use.
- Invite each team to perform its skit. Announce the team with the highest score, but do not announce the score. Affirm all teams and the judges.
- Lead the kids in prayer, thanking God for His example of love for others.

Pull It Together

Index cards, pencil

- Write each of the following words on a separate index card: *Sharing, Obeying, Praying, Giving, Listening, Thanking, Worshiping, Waiting, Speaking kindly, Helping, Smiling.*

Teacher Tip

Looking for additional resources to enhance your teaching? Check out the *Levels of Biblical Learning* resources available at www.lifeway.com/levelsofbiblicalllearning.

Worship Through Games

- Review the Bible story. Focus attention on Jesus' attitude of love toward the woman.
- Say: "If we follow Jesus' example, we will also show love to others. Let's play a game that will help us remember the many ways we can show love through our actions."
- Form three teams. The teams do not need to be even. Instruct each team to line up in a single file line. Arrange the three lines so they stand side by side.
- Choose a volunteer to be the actor. Place the actor in front of and facing the teams.
- Say: "I will show a card to the actor. The card will name a loving action. The actor will perform the action without using words. The person in the front of each line may guess the action for his team. The first correct guesser will earn a point for his team and become the new actor. The old actor will join the correct guesser's team at the back of the line. The other guessers will also move to the back of their lines."
- Play in this manner until the children guess all 11 actions. Congratulate the team with the highest score and affirm all children for participating.
- Gather the children together and discuss how each action shows love.
- Lead the children in a prayer, confessing our need to be more like Jesus in showing love to others.

Pull It Together

Paper, pencils, 2 pictures or illustrations from a book or magazine

Teacher Tip

Choose any subject matter for the pictures you feel is appropriate for your children. Try to choose pictures that are simple to describe.

Worship Through Exploration and Discovery

- Provide each child with a piece of paper and a pencil.
- Give the children instructions for drawing one of the pictures or illustrations. As the children draw, inform them that you cannot answer any questions or correct any of their mistakes. Tell them also that you cannot show them the picture or illustration. Encourage each child to draw according to the instructions he hears.
- Compare and contrast the children's completed drawings. Show the picture or illustration that you attempted to describe through your instructions. Invite the children to share their feelings about this activity.
- Provide each child with another piece of paper. Display the second picture or illustration on the table in front of the children. Guide the children to recreate this image in their drawings.
- Compare and contrast the children's completed drawings. Invite the children to share their feelings about this activity.
- Guide the children to understand that being able to see an example helped them know exactly what kind of picture to draw.
- Ask: "How does Jesus' example in today's Bible story help us know how to love others?" Affirm the children as they respond. Encourage the children to name other actions Jesus performed that serve as examples of loving others. Challenge the children to follow Jesus' example this week.
- Lead the children in a prayer, praising God for Jesus' example in the Bible.