



Supplies:

- ☐ LifeWay's *Best of Worship Kidstyle Vol. 1* CD
- ☐ Big Idea's *Jonah: A VeggieTales Movie* DVD
- ☐ LifeWay's *100 Action Games That Really Work Vol. 1* CD

Bible Truth & Memory Verse:

Level of Biblical Learning (Creation): God created people in His own image.

God created me perfectly.

"I will praise You because I have been remarkably and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful, and I know this very well." **Psalms 139:14**

Movie Connection: (10 min.)

Say, "We are going to watch a scene from the movie *Jonah: A VeggieTales Movie*. This is when God told Jonah to go to Nineveh, a city far away from his home. Jonah was supposed to help the people change to be more like God."

Play scene 5 ("A Message For Nineveh") at 17:25. **Stop** the movie at 21:22.

When we first see Jonah, he is praying. What did God say to Jonah during the prayer time?

Why did Jonah not want to go to Nineveh?

How did Jonah react to God's command?

Say, “Jonah loved the people in his country of Israel. But Jonah didn’t realize that God wants us to love all people, even those who do not look, act, talk, smell or dress like us. God wants us to share His love with everyone.”

Bible Connection: (10 min.)

Open your Bible to Romans 10 as you tell the story. **Read** the following aloud.

Paul was a man who loved God very much and tried to teach others about God’s love. Paul taught some people who didn’t know Jesus about God’s love. Paul also loved Christians in many churches. Paul visited the churches, preached and even wrote letters to the Christians when he was away from them.

Paul wrote one letter to the Christians in Rome. Paul’s letter is included in the Bible as the book of Romans. In Romans, Paul encourages the Roman Christians to keep attending church, to stop sinning and to remember what Jesus said when He was on earth.

In chapter 10, Paul tells the Roman Christians that God will accept anyone who loves Him and tries to be like Him as a Christian. The Bible says we must believe with our hearts that God is who He says He is. We call this the gospel.

In Romans, Paul says the gospel is for everyone. God will accept anyone who comes to Him. God wants us to tell others about the gospel too.

Discuss

Who did Paul write letters to?

What did Paul’s letter to the Roman Christians say?

What did Paul tell the Romans about people throughout the world?

Say, “Paul went on many missionary journeys. He told people in many different cities, towns and countries about God’s love. God loves everyone on the earth, no matter how they look or talk. We should share God’s love with others too. In the movie, God told Jonah to tell people in a far away land about His love. God wants us, like He wanted Jonah, to tell everyone about His love.”

Hands On: (15 min.)

Before class, **download** the directions for “Noodle Measure” from LifeWay’s *100 Action Games That Really Work Vol. 1* CD. **Guide** children to play the game.

Say, “God gives each of us different talents and abilities. We can use those talents and abilities while telling others about God’s love. Paul used his talent of preaching and teaching to tell others about God’s love. God wants everyone in the world to know about His love.”

Praise and Worship: (5 min.)

Play *Best of Worship Kidstyle Vol. 1* CD selection 20. **Guide** children to sing along.

Pray

Thank you, God, for giving me different talents and abilities. Help me to use them to tell others about Your love. Amen.



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Opening Activity: (10 min.)

Give each child a small package or cup of M&Ms, popcorn or another snack that tastes the same but looks slightly different from one piece to the next. (For example, M&Ms have different colors but the same flavor. Popcorn kernels, when popped, taste the same but have varying shapes and sizes.)

Say, "You all have the same snack. But pieces of your snack are slightly different. How are they different? Does a different size, shape or color change the taste of the snack?"

Say, "Even though your snack tastes the same from one bite to the next, it looks a little different. Did you know that God made all of us different, but He still loves us all the same? People who live in different countries talk in different languages from us; they wear different types of clothes from us; and they even eat different foods than us! But God loves all the people in the world the same. God wants us to love all people too."

Bible Connection: (10 min.)

Open your Bible to Acts 8:26-40 as you tell the story. **Read** the following aloud.

Phillip loved God very much, and he enjoyed telling others about God's love. One day, God told Phillip to stand near a road that goes between Jerusalem and Gaza. Phillip did just as God commanded.

Phillip saw a chariot coming down the road and he approached the chariot. The man inside the chariot was a very important leader from the country of Ethiopia. He was reading the book of Isaiah in the Bible. Phillip asked the man if he understood what the Bible said, and the man said no. Phillip climbed into the chariot and explained God's love to the man.

Phillip told the Ethiopian leader that Jesus loved him very much. He told the man that God sent Jesus to die on a cross and be raised back to life so we could be friends with Jesus. Phillip told the man that to go to heaven, he must become a Christian and be baptized. When the man saw some water, he asked Phillip to baptize him right then.

Phillip baptized the Ethiopian leader and the man was filled with joy!

Discuss

What did Phillip enjoy doing?

What did God tell Phillip to do?

What did Phillip see when he got to the road?

What did Phillip do?

Say, "Phillip loved telling others about God's love. The Ethiopian leader probably didn't look a lot like Phillip, but Phillip wanted to tell him about God's love. God also wants us to tell others about His love."

Hands On: (20 min.)

Before class, **download** the directions for "Seek Relay" from LifeWay's *100 Action Games That Really Work Vol. 1* CD. Instead of placing one word per paper, try using phrases on the papers due to the length of the memory verse. **Guide** children to play the game.

Say, "Our memory verse is also called the Great Commission. God wants all of us to tell everyone we meet about God's love. Think of someone you can tell about God's love."

Praise and Worship: (5 min.)

Play *Best of Worship Kidstyle Vol. 1* CD selection 2. **Guide** children to sing along.

Pray

God, you tell me to tell others about Your love. Help me to remember to tell everyone how much You love them. Amen.