

LESSON OVERVIEW

Big Idea: A Christian grid helps you know how to love

Key Question: How does God want us to love others?

Memory Verse: *So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other* **John 13:34**

Overview: We're continuing our series called the Grid. Grid is just a fancy word for how you look at life. We've already learned that a Christian Grid means we see life like Jesus does. Last week, we learned how important the Bible is to a Christian grid. The Bible is God's truth. We should run every idea through the Bible "sifter". Then we'll know if that idea is good or bad. Today, we're going to talk about another important part of a Christian Grid. It's all about love. The Bible says that God is love so he knows how to love better than anyone. It's just who he is. So, if we see life like God does, then we should be good at love, too. First, we should love God. We do that by reading the Bible and obeying what it says. Second, we should love others. We should put other people ahead of ourselves and treat them the way we would want to be treated. Love is important to a Christian Grid so make sure you're loving God and loving others!

CLASSROOM AGENDA

5 min **PLAY:** Begin working on Activity Page #1.

5 min **WARM UP:** Make a list of people you love. Make a list of things you love. Why do you love those things?

5 min **PREVIEW:** Write out the Big Idea and Memory Verse and Key Question on a whiteboard. Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1. (if applicable)

20 min **LARGE GROUP:** Gather for songs and videos with other kids. Then return to small group to finish this guide.

5 min **RECAP:** Read the **Lesson Overview** from the Teacher's Guide to the class and then **answer** the KEY QUESTION.

5 min **EXPLORE:** Read [1 Corinthians 13:4-7](#). Make a list of all the things this passage says love is and isn't. Which ones do you need to work on the most?

10 min **PLAY:** Do the group activity from Activity Page #2.

5 min **CLOSE:**

- Share prayer requests and pray as a class.
- Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents.

TEACHER TIPS

Don't forget that you set the tone for your kids. Smile. Have fun. Pursue God together

God has given us the ability and desire to love. But we need to make sure to have things we love in the right order: 1. God 2. Others 3. Our stuff

Answer: He wants us to love others the way he has loved us.

God wants us to show his love to others so that they'll want to know God, too. God has loved us by being kind, forgiving, and sacrificial. We can love our friends this way. We can be a good friend by being kind. We can forgive friends when they hurt our feelings. And, we can do things for our friends to help them out.

Bonus Questions: Why does God want us to love others? What are some other ways we can show love to our friends?

4-5th: If Christians aren't loving, what are people likely to think about God? What can you do to serve a friend?

This is the most popular passage on love. We hear it a lot in wedding ceremonies. **Love is:** patient, kind, rejoices with truth, hopeful and enduring. **Love isn't:** jealous, boastful, prideful, rude, demanding, irritable, doesn't track mistakes, unfair, doesn't give up or lose faith.

Make sure kids bring their Family guide home or tell them to go online to pursueGOD.org/kids to find this week's lesson.

ACTIVITY PAGE #2

Classroom Activities K-1st

Option #1

Heart Map Craft

- Give each kid a heart template (**page 5**).
- Tell the kids that they're going to make a heart map that shows what they care about. So, with a Christian Grid in mind, in the middle of the heart are the two most important commandments: Love God and Love others. But, around the heart are different sections that represent other people and things that they love.
- Have kids draw something in each section that represents something else they love. (pet, friends, siblings, parents, teacher, hobby or sport.)

Supplies needed

- Heart Template (pg. 5), pre cut, 1 per kid
- Pencils
- Crayons/Markers

Bonus Activity:

Play **Bible Hangman**.

Words or phrases: Love God, Love others, Christian

Option #2

Love Scramble Game

- As a class, work together to unscramble the message. (hint: you will have 2 phrases and the memory verse)
- Put the scramble template (**page 6**) hearts face down on a table and allow each kid to come pick one and tape it to the whiteboard. Keep doing this until all the hearts are taped to the board.
- As you add hearts, have kids help you to move the hearts in the right order to unscramble the message. (answers: 1. Love God 2. Love Others, memory verse.)

Supplies needed

- Whiteboard
- Tape
- Scramble template (pg. 6), pre cut, 1 set per class

Bonus Activity:

Play **Find the Book in the Bible**.

Have the class get into pairs. Give each pair a Bible. Have them race to find the books below. First to find has to say if it's in the OT or NT

Books: Numbers, John, Acts

The Rock of Love | The Grid #2 (Kids)

 www.pursuegod.org/the-rock-of-love-the-grid-2-kids/

John 13:34 So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other.

Hey kids! We're back at the Grid series. Have you been following along with your parents? Don't forget to take this series home.

A Christian Grid helps you know how to _____

Did you know that? A Christian Grid means you start with the Truth, God's word, but it also tells us the importance of love. Look at what Jesus said when he was asked about his favorite rule.

Jesus said to love _____ first

To love God as a kid means to do everything you can to know and obey him. Do you know how to know him? Read the Bible! And do devotionals with your family, and listen to good music about Jesus, and stuff like that. And do you know how to obey him? By obeying your parents! Every time you obey your parents, you show that you love God. It's good practice for when you move out someday. You'll be good at obeying God because you've been good at obeying your parents.

Jesus said to love _____ second

See, when you learn how to love God with all your heart, you'll automatically start loving other people better. Do you know why? Because God will turn you into a more loving person! God is love, and that love will rub off on you.

Questions:

1. *Make a list of people you love. Make a list of things you love. Why do you love those things?*
2. *Why do we need to love God first? How does our relationship with God help us to love others?*
3. *How has God shown you love? How do you show love to God?*
4. *How do you show love to your parents? Your friends? Your siblings?*
5. *Read [1 Corinthians 13:4-7](#). Make a list of all the things this passage says love is and isn't. Which ones do you need to work on the most?*

Answers: love, God, others

Bonus Questions:

1. *Read [John 3:16](#). What did God do for us that showed how much he loves us?*
2. *Read [Luke 6:35](#). Why should we love our enemies? How can you be nice to kids that aren't necessarily nice to you?*
3. *Read [1 John 4:7](#). Where does love come from? How can you share God's love with others?*

ACTIVITY PAGE #1

K-1st Grade



BIG IDEA

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KEY QUESTION

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MEMORY VERSE

"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other."

John 13:34

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