

## Kid's Slot –Sept 10-16

### “No Greater Love”

**OVERVIEW:** No Greater Love • Jesus laid down His life for us and we can love others.

**PREPARATION:** Pieces of Paper, Markers or Crayons

**BIBLE STORY & VERSE:** John 15:13

#### ICEBREAKER:

- What are some foods that you love?
- What do you love to do?

**READ:** “No Greater Love”

**MEMORY VERSE:** *There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.* **John 15:13**

#### LIFE APPLICATION:

1. Have you accepted Jesus love in your life?
2. What are some ways that you can show loves to others in your life?
3. Who in your life needs to know about Jesus?
4. List two people that need to feel Jesus' love this week. Pray for those two people every day.

#### Leader Reminders:

Children are a valuable part of the life group! The children should participate in group worship. At the end of the group have them return to the Life Group and share their **Bible Verses or Craft Activity**. The children then join in the prayer and fellowship time.

Your group can also watch one of the many, many awesome kids' videos available to you on [www.rightnowmedia.org](http://www.rightnowmedia.org) – it's free!

## “No Greater Love”

I am so glad that you are here with me today! For the last few weeks, we have been learning how to Flourish, to grow strong, with God. Last week we talked about having the Joy of the Lord. Does anyone remember our memory verse from last week? John 15:11 says, “I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!” Let's practice saying that verse a few times together. *(Lead the kids in repeating last week's memory verse. You can be creative to make this time fun: Go around the circle and have each child say a word of the verse, have them use a funny voice to say the verse, have them clap every time you say the word joy, etc).*

Remember that joy is different from happiness. It is not based on the good things in your life; it is based on knowing that God is good all the time. God's promise to give us joy means that He will be with us even when things don't go our way. What are some ways that you get to practice having God's joy in your life?

We are going to continue our Flourish lessons this week in learning about the love of Christ. What are some of the ways that you show someone that you love them? *(Allow the children some time to answer).* You can let your best friend choose the game you are going to play. Or you can share your favorite toy with your sister. Or you can write someone a nice note. Or you can clean up the house for your parents. There are many many ways to show someone that you love them.

One of my favorite movies has a great example of love. I am going to read you some quotes from the movie. When you know what movie I am quoting raise your hand, but do NOT say anything. “ I like summer and warm hugs.” “Do you want to build a snowman?” “We finish each others...sandwiches.” “Let it go!”

Alright, I know you are all so ready to say the movie. On the count of three, let's whisper what movie those quotes are from...one, two, three, “Frozen!” Anna and Elsa had great love for each other. In fact, Anna loved her sister so much that she was willing to save Elsa instead of saving herself.

Do you want to know something amazing? Jesus' love was so much greater than any love we have ever known and have ever heard

about. It is greater than the love between Anna and Elsa. It is greater than the love of our friends and family. It is the greatest love of all.

Let's look in the Bible to learn more about Jesus' love for us and how we should love others. John 15:13. *(Read John 15:13 with the kids: If your group is older, have a child look up the verse and read it to the other children.)* "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends."

The greatest love is to lay down one's life for one's friends. Do you know that Jesus laid down His life for you and for me? Romans 3:23 says that, "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." The Bible says that everyone sins. Sins are the things in our life that we do that are wrong, like lying to our parents when we said we only had one piece of candy, but really we had 3, or disrespecting our teacher. Everyone sins and that sin separates us from the God that created us and loves us.

God didn't like it that we were separated from Him so He provided a way for us to be united with Him again. In John 3:16 the Bible says, "God so loved the world that He gave His only son that whoever believes in Him will not die but will have eternal life." Jesus came to earth; He was born as a baby as a part of God's plan to help us be united with Him again. You see all through Jesus' life, He did not sin. However, He died on the cross to take on our sins so we can be united with God. Jesus laid down His life for us. If we believe in Jesus we can be united with Him. Jesus did this because He loves us.

Jesus wants us to show great love to others, just like He showed that love to us. There are many ways that we can share the love of Jesus with others. We can tell people about Jesus. We can care for others by helping them when they are in need. We can pray for people in our lives.

What other ways can you think of to show the love of Jesus to others?

Let's pray that this week we will love others the way that Jesus loves us!

## **I Love You More Than...**

**What You Need:** No Supplies Needed

### **What You Do:**

- This is an alphabet game.
- Have the children sit in a circle.
- The first child says, "I love you more than...then says something that starts with the letter 'a'".
- The second child says, "I love you more than...then repeats what the first child said, then adds something that starts with the letter 'b'". Continue through the alphabet.

### **What You Say:**

"Sometimes we say things like I love apples or bananas. God's loves for us is so much greater than *(try to repeat the things listed in the game; the kids may need to help you remember what was said)*."

## **Memory Verse Lesson**

**What You Need: Paper and Markers or Crayons**

### **What You Do:**

- Have the children practice saying the memory verse.
- Give each child a piece of paper and have them write the verse. (You may need to partner older children with younger children for help. Or may need to write the verse for some children.)
- Have them illustrate the verse.

### **What You Say:**

"Make sure to put your verse in a place that you will see it each day. Practice the verse all week and we will see who remembers it next week!"