



# Younger Small Group

Kids



## I Am Designed for a Purpose – I Can Love Others

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Bible Story: Love One Another (1 Corinthians 13)

Theme Verse: Matthew 5:16

Agenda	
<b>1 - Connection Questions</b> Team Time Leader	🕒 30 Minutes
<b>2 - Make the Discovery — Younger Kids</b> Team Time Leader	🕒 0 Minutes
<b>3 - Overflow Race — Younger Game</b> Team Time Leader	🕒 10 Minutes
<b>4 - Show Love Spinner — Younger Craft</b> Team Time Leader	🕒 5 Minutes
<b>5 - Toss Across — Theme Verse Activity</b> Team Time Leader	🕒 5 Minutes
<b>6 - Activity Page</b> Team Time Leader	🕒 5 Minutes
<b>7 - Pickup Time</b> Team Time Leader	🕒 0 Minutes

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## 1 - Connection Questions

 Team Time



### Leader Tip

As kids arrive, assign them to a Color Team—Red, Yellow, Blue, or Green.

Use these questions to help you get to know kids as they arrive. Ministry happens best through relationships. By spending this time with kids at the beginning, you will be able to make stronger connections as you begin teaching about how God knows them!

- What was the best part of your week?
- What are some things you like to do when you first wake up in the morning?
- If you could be *really* good at sports or *really* good at singing, which would you choose and why?
- If you could pick a new thing to learn how to do, which would you choose?
- If you could move like any animal, which would you choose and why?

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## 2 - Make the Discovery — Younger Kids

🕒 10 Minutes

📍 Team Time

### Leader Tip



Use this time for side-by-side discovery-based questions. Kids are invited to participate and discuss, building relationships with each other and their leader. These questions are designed to help all kids—regardless of biblical knowledge or background—feel like they can contribute.

### Make the Discovery — Younger Kids Script



Team Time Leader

“ What To Do: Let’s talk about how God designed us for a purpose! ”

1. What are some ways that you show others you love them? What are some ways other people show you they love you? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
2. It's fun to love people and to be loved! God loves us so much that He designed us for a purpose! He created us with special plans for us! Because we are designed for a purpose, we can love others! What are ways you can show love to people, even if you don't know them very well? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer. Answers may include being kind, encouraging them, helping them, praying for them, and so forth.)*
3. We use a passport when we travel to identify who we are and where we are from. Our love can show that we belong to God, and it allows us to show them who God is! What are some ways people might respond when we show them the love of God? *(Answers may include they might say thank you, they might want to learn more about Him, they might want to ask us questions, and so forth.)*
4. The Bible tells us we are designed for a purpose, and we can love others. Let's open our Bibles to 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 and read about it together. Listen for a word or sentence that stands out to you. *(Invite kids to open up their Bibles. Read the passage aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.)* What is a word or sentence that stands out to you in this passage? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
5. Paul reminded the Corinthians that when they follow God, they showed His love to others! When we follow God, we have the same purpose! What can make it difficult to love people? What are some ways we can love them anyway? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
6. God designed us for a purpose, and part of that purpose is to love people in a way that points others to Him. When we struggle to love others, we can remember how much God loves us. He loved us so much; He sent His Son, Jesus, to take the punishment for our sins. When we trust and follow Jesus, He changes us into people who can show His love to others. Do you have any questions about following Jesus? Or do you have any stories you want to share about someone showing the love of God? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
7. The Bible tells us we are designed for a purpose, and we can love others. God wants us to love others around us like how He loves us so much! *(Lead the group in prayer. Consider using the following prayer prompt.)*

*God, thank You for loving us! Thank You for showing us what real love is like—by sending Jesus to forgive our sins. Help us to remember how much You love and show Your love to others, even when it is hard. We love You! Amen.*

### 3 - Overflow Race — Younger Game

🕒 5 Minutes

📍 Team Time

Kids will run a relay race putting cotton balls in a cup.

**Big Goal:** Know that remembering God's love helps us love others.

**Leader Prep:** Set the cups on one side of the room and the cotton balls on the other.

#### Supplies

- Plastic cups
- Cotton balls (several)

#### Overflow Race — Younger Game Script



**Team Time Leader**

🗨️ **What To Do:** God loves all of us *so much!* How much? (*So much!*) When we remember how much God loves us, it can help us love others. So we're going to play a game to help us remember that! I will put you in two teams. Each team has a cup on the other side of the room. When I say, "Go!" the first person from your team will take a cotton ball and race to put it in your team's cup. When that person comes back, the next person will go. You will keep on racing until there are so many cotton balls in your cup, it overflows! You'll keep putting the cotton balls in your team's cup until it what? (*Overflows!*) Let's see which team can get your cup to overflow first!

**Keep It Going:** Play again, switching up the teams. Another option is to change how kids race such as hopping, skipping, or walking backward. 🗨️



### Leader Tip

Encourage kids to cheer on their teammates.

## Overflow Race — Younger Game Script



### Team Time Leader

“**Loud And Clear:** Great job getting your cups to overflow! That’s kind of like how God’s love works! He loves us so much; we just can’t keep it in. His love for us overflows into our love for other people. We can love them even when we don’t think they earned or deserve it. God designed us for a purpose—to show His love to others.”

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## 4 - Show Love Spinner — Younger Craft

🕒 5 Minutes

📍 Team Time

Kids will make paper spinners.

**Big Goal:** Learn that we can live out the love listed in 1 Corinthians 13.

**Leader Prep:** Print copies of the “Show Love Spinner” for each child on cardstock paper. Write *I can love others* and *1 Corinthians 13* in a visible place for kids to see. Set out the supplies.

### Supplies

- “Show Love Spinner” printable on cardstock paper
- Markers or crayons (several)
- Child-safe scissors
- Brass fasteners
- Glue sticks
- Paper plates



**Team Time Leader**

🗨️ **What To Do:** We've learned some great ways we can show love to others. We're going to make paper plate spinners that will help us show love wherever we go. Color and decorate each of the pieces on your spinner. You can draw a picture of yourself doing those things or just draw something that will help you remember what they say.

After you color them, cut out the circle and the arrow. But don't cut the pieces of the circle apart. Once you finish that, glue your circle on your paper plate. Then, turn your paper plate over and write ***I can love others*** and *1 Corinthians 13* on the other side. I will come around and help you attach your arrow to your plate with a brass fastener.

When you're finished, you can spin your arrow to help you remember how you can show love to others!

**Keep It Going:** Call out different scenarios and invite kids to spin their spinners and say how they can show love in that way. ”



**Leader Tip**

Assist kids with ideas of how to show love in the ways listed on their spinners.





**Team Time Leader**

**“ Loud And Clear:** Just as we learned in our Bible story today, we can love others and show others what God’s perfect love is like. We can remember that God loves us and designed us for a purpose. He will help us love others like this too, even when it is hard! We all get to love others right where we are! **”**

## 5 - Toss Across — Theme Verse Activity

🕒 5 Minutes

📍 Team Time

Kids will toss a ball back and forth with a partner while saying one word of the verse.

**Big Goal:** Learn the Theme verse and the truth that our loving actions point others to God.

**Leader Prep:** Display the Theme Verse Poster, Theme Verse Slide, or write the Theme verse in a visible location for kids to see: *“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)*

### Supplies

- Soft playground ball

### Toss Across — Theme Verse Activity Script



**Team Time Leader**

🗨️ **What To Do:** We are going to learn our Theme verse together with a fun game! I will put you on two teams, and your teams will line up facing each other. The first person on the first team will say the first word of our Theme verse, then toss the ball across to the first person on the second team. That person will say the next word of the verse before tossing the ball across again. But here’s the thing: as soon as you toss the ball, you need to hurry to the back of your team’s line so the next person will be in place to catch. Ready? Let’s go!

**Keep It Going:** Play multiple times, switching up the teams and changing how far apart the teams are standing. ”



### Leader Tip

Be sensitive to those who may drop the ball. Keep the game fun and encouraging. Laugh and make sure kids know the point isn't the ball; it's learning the Bible verse, and this is a fun way to do it.

## Toss Across — Theme Verse Activity Script



### Team Time Leader

“**Loud And Clear:** In today’s Bible story, we learned what love really looks like. When we love each other in these ways, we can show others the difference Jesus makes in our lives. The “good works” our Theme verse talks about are things we can do to show love to others. We are designed for a purpose! Say, “I am designed for a purpose!” (*I am designed for a purpose!*)”

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## 6 - Activity Page

🕒 5 Minutes

📍 Team Time

**Big Goal:** Point to the Simple Truth and provide an opportunity for connection.

**Leader Prep:** Print copies of the Activity page for each child. Set out the supplies.

### Supplies

- Activity page
- Markers or crayons (several)

### Activity Page Script



**Team Time Leader**

🗨️ **What To Do:** This Activity page helps us remember some big things we've learned about today. As you color and work on activities, talk to a friend about some of your favorite parts of our time together. 🗨️



### Leader Tip

This is a great time to get to know the kids better. You can ask them what they remember about the Bible story. Remind them that God designed us for a purpose, and we can love others in the ways Paul wrote about in 1 Corinthians.

## Activity Page Script



### Team Time Leader

“ Loud And Clear: God loved us so much; He sent His Son, Jesus, so we could have a relationship with Him. God showed us great love, so we can love others too. God designed us for a purpose, and we can love others through how we talk and treat others. ”

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## 7 - Pickup Time



Team Time



### Leader Tip

As kids leave, make sure they have their crafts and papers. Share with the person picking them up something positive you observed today. Invite them back next week.