

Fruit of the Spirit: Love
Week of August 2-8th

Lesson Aim:	To help kids understand that God's love is for everyone, even the unlikeable.
Memory Verse (practice every-day)	Galatians 5:22-23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."
This week's story	Read together: John 4:1-15 and 19-42. 3rd- 5th: John 4:1-42

Potential Questions and potential answers.

Q: What makes someone unlikable?

A: Jesus was a Jewish man and the woman was a Samaritan. Jews and Samaritans did not get along. In fact, Jews went out of their way to avoid Samaritans.

Q: Why do you think this woman came to the well by herself in the hottest part of the day?

A: The other women in town came in the coolest part of the day. This woman came when nobody else would be there. This tells us she wasn't liked by the other women in her town. She doesn't have any friends.

Q: How does Jesus treat her?

A: He asks her for a drink. He is kind. He talks to her instead of ignoring her. He tells her about the things of God.

Q: How does the woman respond to Jesus talking to her?

A; At first, she is surprised. Then she is confused and doesn't understand, but then she wants the "living water" so she doesn't have to keep coming to the well. Finally, she believes that Jesus might be the Messiah, the Savior and runs to tell the whole town to "come and see."

Q: What happens to the townspeople at the end of the story?

A; They come to believe Jesus is the Messiah, too.

Q: Do you think the townspeople still don't like this woman?

A: No! She told them about Jesus, so they must really want to be her friend.

<p>Main Takeaways:</p>	<p>Jesus will go out of his way to become someone’s friend, even people who don’t have friends or are disliked by others.</p> <p>Jesus forgives our sins and changes us. Jesus can change anyone, even mean or sinful people.</p> <p>Jesus wants us to be like him, to make friends with people who may be different from us or with people who are just difficult. He wants us to tell people about His great love and sacrifice for them.</p> <p>We get to be the messengers to others, but only Jesus can change someone’s heart.</p>
<p>Suggested Activity (Toddlers/Pre-School)</p>	<p>Coloring pages - Tigger & Pooh, Elmo and Friend</p> <p>Make a Friendship Flower - option 1 Use the flower frame (included in your packet). Ask your child how they can be a good friend to others. Write (that’s you the adult) 1 thing they say on each flower petal. Next, have your child color the flower.</p> <p>Make a Friendship flower - Option 2 Cut a circle and 5 or 6 flower petals out of construction paper (if your child is 4 or older you might want to draw them out and let your child do the cutting, depending on your time and patience). Ask your child how they can be a good friend to others. Write (that’s you the adult) 1 thing they say on each flower petal. Next, have your child glue the circle and petals on a piece of paper to look like a flower. Draw a stem and leaves. Add a title: How to be a good friend by (child’s name).</p>

Suggested Activity
(K-2nd grades)



Tic Tac Go-Make-A-Friend

Use the included Tic Tac Go game board and play as a family. If you want your k-2 child to take it a step further, have them call a friend that they don't know very well and ask their friend the questions. They can also answer the questions.

Make a Friendship flower - Cut a circle and 5 or 6 flower petals out of construction paper (you can decide if you want to draw the circle and petals and have your child cut them out, or if you should do the cutting). Ask your child how they can be a good friend to others. Write, or have your child write ,1 way they can be a good friend on each flower petal. Next, have your child glue the circle and petals on a piece of paper to look like a flower. Draw a stem and leaves. Add a title: How to be a good friend by (child's name).

Suggested Activity
(3rd-5th grades)



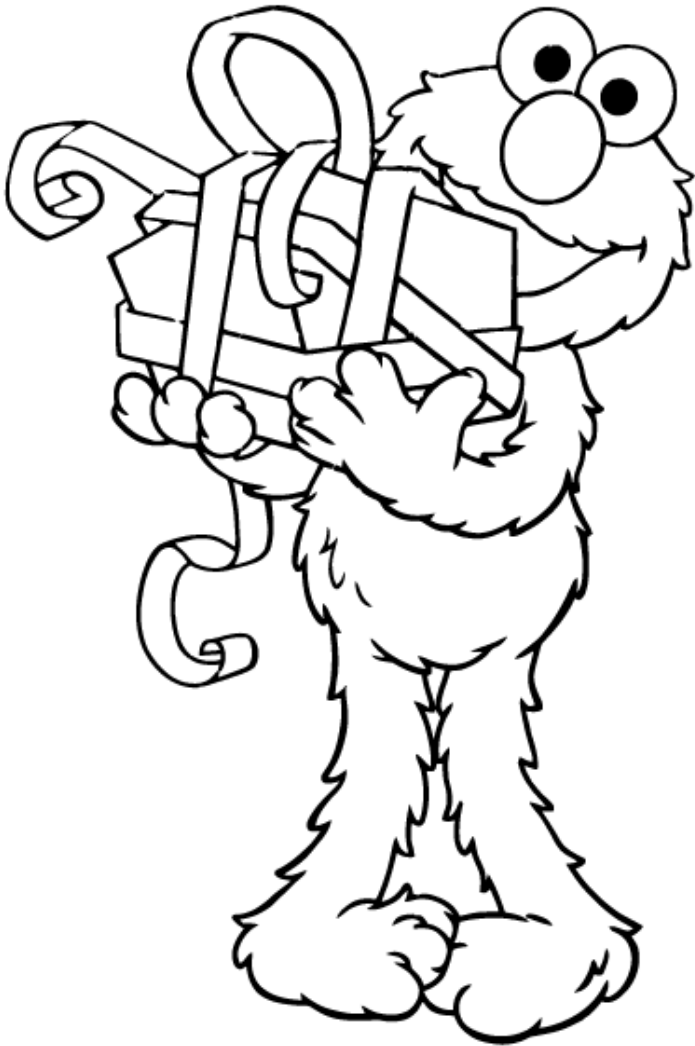
Tic Tac Go-Make-A-Friend

Scan the Tic Tac Go game board and email it to a friend that doesn't go to church, so they can print it. Then, set up a Zoom call or a phone call to play the game. You can invite as many people as you want to your game. Take turns being the one who picks a square.

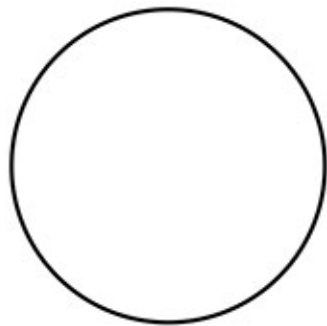
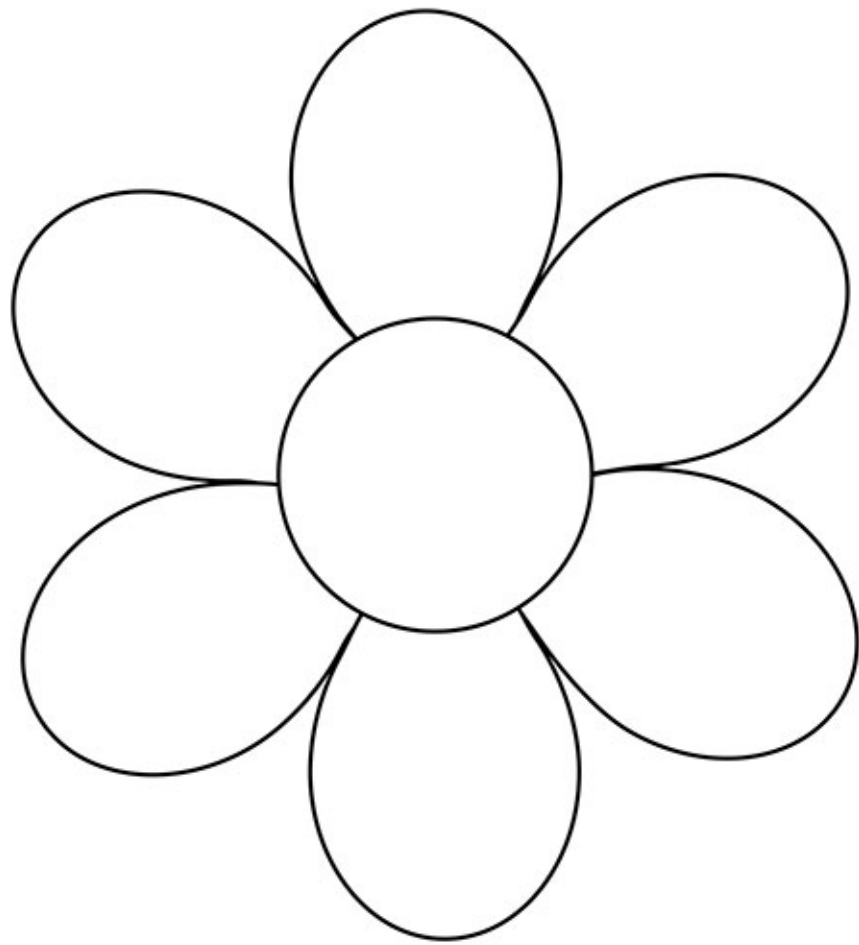
Love & Friendship Worksheet

Make an "I love you bunches" picture to give to a friend or family member.

You will need Tempra paint (it washes out of clothing) or a purple stamp pad and a piece of paper. Dip your thumb in the paint and make a cluster of grapes. Use a paint brush to add a stem on the top and a leaf or 2. Lastly, write or paint "I love you bunches" or "Jesus loves you bunches." After it dries, give it to a friend or family member who needs to know how much they are loved.







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Tic Tac Go-Make-A-Friend

Game Squares

If you could go anywhere at all for a vacation, where would you go?	Sing two lines of your favorite song.	Who's your favorite relative? What do you like about that person?	Tell about a time you were really, really happy.
Name 3 games you like to play.	What's your all-time favorite movie?	What's your middle name?	Tell me about what you know about who Jesus is.
Who is your favorite singer? Your favorite group?	What do you think you'd like to do when you grow up?	What was your best-ever birthday present?	What's your favorite food?
Tell about a time when you were really, really sad.	If you could meet anyone who's ever lived, who would you want to meet?	What is your favorite sports team and why?	Tell about a time when God has answered a prayer for you.

Play this game like Tic-Tac-Toe. Cut out the game piece squares and lay them on this page. Take turns choosing a square, doing what it says, then lightly writing your name in pencil on the square on this page. The first person to get 4 squares in a row in any direction wins.

3rd-5th Grade Love & Friendship Worksheet

L THE LORD
YOUR GOD
V LOVES YOU.
DUETERNOMY 23:5

friendship
and what it means
to me...

LOVE
IS
what is love?

1 GOD IS LOVE

2 GOD LOVES ME

3 I CAN LOVE GOD

A friend is someone who...

Name: _____