

# LEGACY

WEEK 2

## BIG IDEA

The Holy Spirit helps us love everyone.

## BIBLE

More People Believe in Jesus: Acts 10:44-48; (1 John 5:1-6)

## LARGE GROUP TIME

## WHAT?

### MUSIC | Your Love For Me ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Lead the kids in fun, upbeat worship. Some songs we suggest are:*
  - [Love One Another](#) by Yancy
  - [Love the Lord](#) by CJ and Friends
- God loves us so, so much! God surrounds us with love. And because God loves us so much, we can love others, too! Let's sing about God's love!

### ACTIVITY | What's the Difference? ▲

- I am going to show you two images — they look the same, but there are some differences. Whenever you spot a difference, stand up!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Project the What's the Difference printable on the screen. Tell the kids to stand up when they see a difference between the two. Choose some of the kids to come to the front to point out the differences one by one. Consider using a draw tool on your computer to circle the ones they point out or just point out the differences on the screen. (The answer key is also provided in your Printables folder.)*

- It's funny how easy it is to find all the differences when you really start looking for them. Sometimes, we do that with people, too, don't we? It's important that we don't treat people differently based on their differences, though. We're all different, and that's okay!

### ACTIVITY | Answer Three ▲

- You're going to learn everything you can about your partner in the next thirty seconds. You've got to really pay attention because there will be a test! When I say, "Go," ask your partner the following questions:
  - **What is your name?**
  - **What is your favorite color?**
  - **What is your favorite place to travel to?**
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Put the questions up on the screen or on a poster board so it's visible to everyone. Divide the kids into partners. Tell the kids to find out the answers to these questions from their partners. Wait about thirty seconds and then tell the kids to find a new partner. It cannot be the same partner they just had. After three or four new partners, tell everyone to go back to their seats.*
- **Can anyone remember every single fact about their different partners?** *(Allow kids to share as much as they remember.)*
- **Did anyone find out something they didn't know before?** Maybe you found out something that you had in common.
- God wants us to love others. But in order to do that well, it would help to get to know each other!

### OBJECT LESSON | Who is the Holy Spirit? - Part Two ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Before the kids arrive, prepare a pitcher or a cup with water, a cup with ice, an electric kettle, and an extra empty cup on hand to demonstrate this lesson. Heat up the water right before you begin the object lesson so you will have a steaming cup of water to show (or you can simply show steam coming out of the kettle).*
- **Does anyone know what H<sub>2</sub>O is?**
- That's right! H<sub>2</sub>O is usually referred to as water. But H<sub>2</sub>O is unique because it can exist as water, ice, and steam.
  - Water is a liquid. *(Pour water from one cup or pitcher to another.)*

- Ice is a solid. (*Show the kids an ice cube.*)
- Steam is a gas. (*Safely demonstrate steam by plugging in an electric tea kettle, pouring in the water from the cup or pitcher, and allowing it to heat up, creating steam.*)
- Water, ice, and steam look different but they are all equally called H<sub>2</sub>O. ▲▼
- Similarly, God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are all equally God, and is one God. But unlike H<sub>2</sub>O that can exist in only one form – water, ice, or steam – at any given time, God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are each with us at exactly the same time!

## SO WHAT?

### SCRIPTURE | Acts 10:34-38 ▲

- Today we are going to meet a man named Cornelius, who was a Roman army officer. Let's use our special time travel device to take us to today's Bible story!
- **INSTRUCTION:** *Use the time travel device from last week. Point your arrow to the plate with the corresponding Scripture and play this [sound effect](#). Retell the Bible story from Acts 10:34-38 and/or show this [video](#).*
  - **PRETEEN HACK:** *Consider asking one of the preteens to read the Scripture. Invite preteens to engage in Scripture reading in interactive ways (e.g., reading aloud, drawing images while reading, illustrating words that stand out, etc.).*
- One day when Cornelius was praying, an angel spoke to him and told him to find a man named Peter, who had a message for him. So, Cornelius sent out some of his servants to go find Peter. **Does anyone remember who Peter was?** Yes, he was one of Jesus' disciples! Same Peter.
  - Elsewhere, when Peter was praying alone, the Holy Spirit told Peter, "Somebody is looking for you." Just then, Peter heard some guys downstairs say they were looking for him!
  - So, Peter got up and went downstairs and said, "I'm the one you're looking for!"
  - The men took Peter to see Cornelius. When they arrived, Cornelius had his whole family and all his friends gathered together to hear the special message from Peter.

- Here's the thing: Peter was Jewish and the Jewish people typically weren't friends with people outside of the Jewish community. That is, until Jesus came, and brought this brand new message that God's love is for everyone.
- Peter realized that was the message he was supposed to tell Cornelius! God's love is for everybody!
- When Cornelius and his friends believed in Jesus, they received the Holy Spirit, and it was very clear to Peter and his Jewish friends that God loves everyone, and gives the Holy Spirit to anyone who believes in Jesus!

### THE BIG IDEA | The Holy Spirit helps us love everyone. ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Fill the canister from last week with today's Big Idea words. Open the legacy pod and call up one kid at a time to pull out one sheet of paper at a time. Arrange the words into the correct order to reveal the Big Idea. Read the Big Idea out loud together.*
- Let's see what's in today's legacy pod!
- **The Holy Spirit helps us love everyone.**
- Loving everyone can be a tough thing to do. But great news! We don't have to do it alone. When we believe in Jesus, we have the Spirit of God, and that Holy Spirit helps us love everyone.

### VIDEO | Legacy, Episode 2 ▲



- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week's [teaching video](#).*

## QUESTION | Same or Different? ▲

- **Have you ever been afraid to be nice to someone?**
- It usually happens when someone is different from us, and we don't quite know how to react. Maybe you have brown hair and they have blonde hair. Maybe they speak a different language than what you're used to hearing. Maybe your interests are way different. Maybe you have different abilities.
- We shouldn't be afraid to be kind to others, even if they are different from us. We are all different but we shouldn't be afraid to learn more about each other and celebrate each other's differences as special and unique.
- God wants us to love everyone, including everyone who is different from us. **The Holy Spirit helps us love everyone.**

## NOW WHAT?

## SMALL GROUP TIME

## DISCUSSION ▲

- **What made Cornelius different from Peter?**
- **How did Peter find out that God loves everyone, even if they are different?**
- **How can we receive the Holy Spirit?**
- **Read I John 5:1. Do you think it is possible to love God but not love God's children?**
- **How has God shown you love?**
- **Who is someone who is really different from you?**
- **How can you show them love this week?**

## Mother's Day Craft! ▲

Pictures Saved In Files, check that for more ideas