

Lesson Plan 6

I Will Do What's Right & Love Others

Objective

Students will learn ways to do right to others and understand the need to love others
John 4:20-21.

Supplies

Teachers and/or Coordinators ensure supplies are ready prior to each class.

Print From the Site:

- Love Others Activity (one per student)
- John 4 Verse Group Activity (one to share)
- Loving Others Word Fill-In Activity (one per student)
- Bible
- Pens/Pencils/Pencil Crayons
- Attendance Chart
- Stickers (for attendance)
- Lesson Review Visual Aids (one for teacher to show each class)

Optional Supplies

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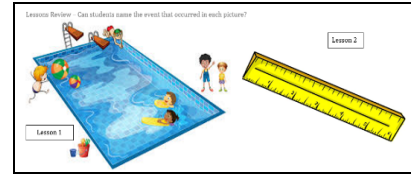
- I Will Do What's Right Game Board (one per 4 students)
- Dice (one per 4 students)
- 4 Buttons - small & different colors (one set of 4 per 4 students)
- Yarn (one ball for all students to share)
- Snack: Heart Shaped Strawberries or Apple Slices

Teacher Tips

- ★ See Lesson 1

1) Introduction to Lesson

As students enter, welcome them and help them find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming. Take attendance. Let each child put a sticker beside their name for this week.



Pass out bibles to those students that need one and have the “Lesson Review Visual Aid Sheet” ready to show.

Can anyone remember what we have studied so far? Look at the picture. Then, name what happened for the lesson we have already studied, and what we learned.

Lesson 1: We need to obey. Jesus tells us we need to obey His commandments.

Lesson 2: We need to follow the Golden Rule – “Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

Lesson 3: We need to obey Jesus by loving others.

Lesson 4: We need to be a worker for the Lord like Nehemiah

Lesson 5: We will obey like Jesus

2) Class Time - I Will Do What's Right & Love Others

15 minutes

Make sure each student has a Bible ready for class.

For the next two times we meet we will look at doing right by loving others. Last time we saw that we need to follow Jesus and do what is right by being baptized when we are old enough. Today we will see that God tells us to do what is right and love others... especially people that are hard to love.

1 John 4:20-21- Love Others

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Let's turn in our Bibles to 1 John 4:20-21

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Now let's read it again, when you hear the word

LOVE: I want you to make a heart sign with your two hands by bending all your fingers in towards each other and touch your two thumbs together to make a heart shape.

GOD: I want you to point up to heaven

BROTHERS and SISTERS: I want you to point to each other

Questions:

What does this verse tell us the right thing to do is? Love others

What if they are mean or we don't like them? We still have to love them

Will it always be easy to love others? No but we need to show love to everyone whether they deserve it or not.

When we love other people, who does that really show we love? God!

When we love others, it tells them and everyone that we love God and because we love God we will love others even when it is hard. So we see that we need to love others, even people that are hard to love. That doesn't mean we let people hurt us, but it means we are nice to them. It means I can go to the teacher and tell them I am being bullied, but it also means I don't hit the bully or call them names when they do that to me. It means I help someone who is getting picked on and be a friend to them, even when no one else is. It means I don't say mean things about other people when they are not around, even if they are doing mean things. But instead I pray for that person, that God will help them be kind and nice instead of hurtful.

3) Activity Time - Love Others

10 minutes

Hand out one sheet to each student.

Read through the instructions and have students write or draw pictures of the people they love and 3 that they will start to love this week. Read through what makes a person loving and discuss as a class.

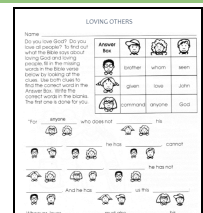


4) Activity Time - Loving Others Word Fill-In

10 minutes

Hand out one sheet to each student.

Working together read the words out loud and with pencils have the students fill in the missing words until the Bible verse is finished. If there is a student who can read it, have them read the full verse for everyone.



5) Optional Activity - Do What's Right Game Board

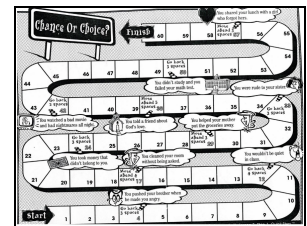
15 minutes

Prep

Before class, print and bring board game(s), die, and buttons

Activity

Break students into groups of 4 and set them up to play the board game. Rules: 1 roll of the die is how many you can move, if you land on a space that goes back, you go back that many spaces. One turn per



person. First person to the finish wins. Talk and ask questions about the good and bad choices we make as the students play.

Questions:

What is better: to do right and move ahead, or to do wrong and fall behind?

What also feels better? To do good and feel good about it, or to do wrong and then feel bad?

What does God want us to do every time? Do right

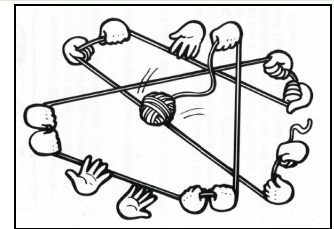
When is it hard to do right?

How can I make it easier to do right? Encourage one another, pray to God, read our Bibles, etc.

6) Optional Activity - Spider Web

10-15 minutes

Have students stand in a circle, wide enough to toss a ball of yarn easily between them. Tell the students you are going to make a spider web. As you hold the end of the string in your hand, throw the ball of yarn across the circle to one of the students. Say something nice about the student. Tell the students that they will do the same thing.



Have them take turns throwing the yarn back and forth to one person at a time until everyone has had the yarn. The child throwing the yarn says something nice about the one who catches it. After they have finished throwing the yarn back and forth, it will look like a big spider web. Tell students: **When we are all kind and nice we all connect and can rely and trust one another.**

You can play again if the students are having fun.

7) Optional Activity - Sing

5 minutes

If time allows, choose songs that relate to this lesson from the "I Will Obey Songs" sheets.

8) Activity - Memory Verse

2-5 minutes

Ask the students to go to Matthew 7:24 in their Bibles and read the verse aloud as a class 2 times.

Matthew 7:24 *Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.*

For the first time, make sure you discuss different words that might need to be made clear. Example: hears these sayings or rock. Rock here means a firm foundation, stable, not to be moved. This Jesus means to be the Word of God, the Bible.

Other options include:

- You saying a word and having them repeat it as you go through the verse

- Have students repeat a small phrase ex: “Therefore whoever” a few times before working on the next phrase.
- Have students repeat after each other
- Ask students to think of hand gestures. Ex: hears = put hand to ear as if listening, Mine = point up to Jesus, does them = pretend to hand out something to someone to share, built = make two fists and pretend to build on the other by putting one fist on top of the other and then move the bottom fist to the top. House = take two fingers and at the same time have them point together and then move out as if to make the shape of the roof and then straight down for the walls. Rock = make a big fist.

Jesus is telling us to listen to the Bible, His Word. And when we do, we will have a solid foundation. This includes obeying the Word of God – the Bible.

9) Lesson Review

5 minutes

Say: **What did we learn today?** Let students answer.

Today we learned that we need to do what is right and that means loving others. When we do, it makes God happy and makes us and others happy as well!

What would happen if everyone in the world was nice and kind to each other? It would be the way God designed it. No sin, no hurt.

Can we control other people and how they react? No

Who is the only person we can control? Ourselves.

So let's control ourselves and choose to do what's right all the time – loving others regardless if they love us back, helping others, spending time with kids in school who aren't cool, spending time with people who need help, helping our parents, brothers and sisters. Let's change the world with our love and kindness and do what is right by loving others!

Will you do your part this week and love others and do the right things?

10) Optional Activity - Snack Heart Shaped Fruit

5 minutes

Hand out a few pieces to each student, ensuring you check for allergies first. Say, **this snack is to remind us about our lesson today. Raise your hand if you remember what our lesson was about?** We will do what is right by loving others. We can help others and that will show them the love of Jesus. We will be kind to all people regardless of who they are or if they are loving back to us.

As we eat our snack, let's think of ways we can love others and do kind things for them.

Let students come up with answers.

Provide a napkin for children to clean their hands if needed. Review with students by asking them questions from the lesson again and discuss any questions they have while snacking.

What did they like best about today's Bible reading?

What questions do they have about today's lesson?

11) Closing Prayer

Ask if there are any prayers the students want to share. Say closing prayer remembering to include thoughts from the lesson today.