

WEEK ONE: God's Love

Big Idea: The good news is Jesus shows us God's love.

HANGOUT

1. Ask:
 - If you could describe God's love in a smell, what would it be?
 - If you could describe God's love in a colour, what would it be?
 - If you could describe God's love in a feeling, what would it be?
 - If you could describe God's love in a person, who would it be? (Jesus! The good news is Jesus shows us God's love!)
2. Play "J-E-S-U-S" from *The Meeting House Kids Music*. Learn the words and create actions to go with them! (You can find the album on iTunes, Spotify, and Google Music.)

HEAR

3. Show the children your Bible. Explain that there are many things in it that aren't stories. Some are letters that people wrote.
4. Look up 1 John 4:7-11. Note that these verses are part of a letter. It's a very important message for us, and for all people.
5. Read the passage line by line. Pause to ask questions along the way to ensure the children understand it.
6. Ask:
 - Who did God send to show us his love? (Jesus!)
 - Because of his great love for us, what does God want for us? (To love others!)
7. Optional: Read the picture book *Jesus Showed Us!* by Bradley Jersak and Shari-Anne Vis.

HUDDLE

8. Emphasize that the good news is Jesus shows us God's love.
9. Ask: Who can you tell about this good news?
10. Pray for the children and for the people they mentioned.

The Look of Love II

PRESCHOOL

Draw a picture below of someone you can tell about the good news of Jesus!