

Need to Know:

Love Does Not Want What Belongs to Others!

Bible Story:

Abraham Shares

Genesis 13:5-18

Materials:

- "I Have, Who Has?" Cards
- Hand Sanitizer
- Bible Story Page
- Oreos
- Game Cards
- Bag with Numbers Inside
- Filler Guide

Get Their Attention! (5 minutes)

Materials: "I Have, Who Has?" Cards

INTRODUCE yourself by savina:

Hey! My name is _____, and I'm so glad all of you are here today for our second week of VROOM! In this series, we're learning how to love others the way God made us to!

Have you ever had a friend who got something you really wanted? I know I have. When that happens, it can be hard to be happy for them. But, instead of wanting what belongs to them, we can be happy for them and be thankful for what God has given us!

We're going to play a little game called "I Have, Who Has?"

DISTRIBUTE all "I Have, Who Has?" Cards among the group as evenly as possible (Some kids might have more than one card).

CHOOSE a child to go first. Have him say his name and read his card to the group. The person who "has" what they are looking for will go next. Continue until all cards have been read and **SAY**:

In this game, everyone had different types of racing gear. In life, we all have different things, too, and that's OK! We should be thankful for what we have and be happy for what others have instead of wanting what belongs to them. That is one way we can show love!

And that's what we need to know today! Say this after me!

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Bible Story (5 min)

Materials: Bible Story Page, Hand Sanitizer, Oreos

READ the **Bible Story Page** and have kids follow the instructions on it.

SANTIZE hands and give each kid an **Oreo** as their reward for playing the "Up, Down, Left, Right" Bible story game. Then, **ASK**:

- What was Lot and Abraham's problem? (There wasn't enough grass or water for all their animals)
- 2. Who ended up getting the land with more grass, Lot or Abraham? (Lot)
- 3. If you were sharing an Oreo with a friend, would you be willing to let them have the side with the filling like Abraham let Lot have the land with more grass? (Allow responses)
- 4. How did Abraham feel about Lot getting the land with more grass? (Abraham was happy for Lot. He was thankful for what God had given him, instead of wanting what belonged to someone else)
- 5. How many ways did God bless Abraham for being happy with what God gave him? (More than we can count)

God put this story in the Bible to show us that we should not want what belongs to others. Just like Abraham was happy for Lot when he got the land with more grass, we should be happy for others when they get things that we do not have!

That's what we need to know today: Love Does Not Want What Belongs to Others!

Application Activity Summary:

Kids will draw numbers out of a bag that correspond to game cards. Through the different situations on the cards, they will learn how to be happy for others and thankful for what they have, rather than wanting what belongs to others.

Memory Verse:

"Love is patient.

(point to watch)

Love is kind.

(thumbs up)

It does not want (shake head "no")

what belongs to others. (point to others)

It does not brag. (flex right arm)

It is not proud.
(flex left arm)

It is not rude.

(shake head "no" & stick tongue out)

It does not look out for its own interests.

(shake head "no" & point to self)

It does not easily become angry..."

(shake head "no" & hold up fists)

1 Corinthians 13:4-5a

Questions:

- In large group, what did Vic want that belonged to someone else? (Flame stickers)
- Instead of wanting what someone else had, what did Vic learn to be thankful for that he had? (Turbo flame boosters)

Application Activity (5 min)

Materials: Game Cards, Bag with Numbers Inside

- 1. Set Game Cards on the floor, number side up.
- 2. Allow each child to draw a number out of the bag.
- 3. Starting with #1, have each kid pick up the **game card** that corresponds to their number and ask him/her the question on their card.
- 4. Afterwards, SAY:

In this game we talked about a lot of situations where people can have things that we do not.

- In these situations, how can we show love to others? (By being happy for them instead of wanting what they have)
- And how can we show God love in these situations? (By being thankful for what we do have)

So what do we need to know today?

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ASK kids to close their eyes & bow their heads. Model prayer for kids (or have them repeat after you) by **PRAYING**:

Dear Jesus, thank You for everything You have given us! Help us to be more thankful! When other people get things we do not have, help us show them love by being happy for them instead of wanting what belongs to them. We love You! Amen.

Wrap It Up (5 min)

Materials: Bag with Numbers Inside, Filler Guide

TEACH Memory Verse and motions (on left) to the group:

- 1. Have kids draw numbers from the bag again.
- 2. Divide the group into two teams (even and odd numbers).
- 3. Alternate between teams, having teams say one phrase of the verse at a time.

TELL kids that they will learn more of the verse each week. Then, if they know the whole verse in six weeks, they will win a special prize!

ASK the questions on the left.

USE Filler Guide to keep kids engaged in small group.