

**Need to Know:**

**Love Does Not Keep  
Track of Wrongs!**

**Bible Story:**

**The Crucifixion &  
Resurrection**

Luke 23:32-56; 24:1-9

**Materials:**

- **Bag/Basket of Candy**
  - **Sour Patch Kids**
  - **Swedish Fish**
  - **Jolly Ranchers**
- **Hand Sanitizer**
- **Bible Story Page**
- **Bingo Cards** inside **Sheet Protectors**
- **Dry Erase Markers**
- **Emoji Cards**
- **Paper Towels**
- **Filler Guide**

**Get Their Attention! (3 minutes)**

**Materials:** Bag/Basket of Candy (Sour Patch Kids, Swedish Fish, Jolly Ranchers), Hand Sanitizer

**INTRODUCE** yourself by saying:

**Hey everyone! My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm so glad all of you are here today! We've been racing through God's Word to learn how to show love to others.**

**Before we get started, I want to learn all of your names! On your turn, choose a piece of candy from this bag. Then, I will ask a question to get to know you!**

**PASS** the **bag/basket of candy** around the circle. After kids say their names, ask the question that matches their choice of candy:

- **Sour Patch Kid** – **If you were in a big race, what vehicle would you like to drive?**
- **Swedish Fish** – **What color car would you drive if you were a racecar driver?**
- **Jolly Rancher** – **What is a dance move you would do if you won a racecar race?**

**SANITIZE** kids' hands. As kids eat their **candy**, **INTRODUCE** them to what we are learning:

**It would be a lot of fun to be a racecar driver! But in a race, there are a lot of wrong things that the other racers might do to you. What is something that another racer could do on the racetrack?** (Run into your car, pop one of your tires, etc)

**If I was a racer and someone \_\_\_\_\_ (Use kids' answers), it would be hard for me to forgive them. I bet it would be hard for you to forgive them, too!**

**Instead of trying to get back at the other racers or writing a list of all the things they did, we can show them love by not keeping track of their wrongs! Say this after me:**

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**Bible Story (5 min)**

**Materials:** Bible Story Page

**READ** and **FOLLOW** the instructions on the **Bible Story Page**. After the story, **ASK**:

1. **What kinds of WRONG things did the people do to Jesus?** (Beat Him up, made fun of Him, yelled at Him, hung Him on a cross)
2. **How did Jesus show His love for the people?** (He did not keep track of their wrongs) **Jesus loved the people so much that He forgave them!**
3. **Does Jesus keep track of our wrongs?** (No) **In fact, He's always ready to forgive us when we ask!**

**Since Jesus showed His love to us first, we can show that love to others, too!**

**How can we show love to them? Let's say it together!**

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**ASK** kids to close their eyes & bow their heads. Model prayer for kids by **PRAYING**:

**Dear Jesus, thank You for dying on the cross and coming back to life so that we can be forgiven. Thank You for loving us so much that you do not keep track of our wrongs. Help us to love others in the same way. We love You! Amen.**

## Application Activity Summary:

Kids will play a game of Bingo! In order to get five in a row, kids will answer questions about how to show love to others and not keep track of wrongs.

## 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)

**It does not keep track  
of other people's  
wrongs.**

(shake head "no" &  
count on fingers)

**Love is not happy with  
evil.**

(frown & hold up  
fists)

**But it is full of joy when  
the truth is spoken..."**

(point to smile)

**1 Corinthians 13:4-6**

## Application Activity (7 min)

**Materials:** Bingo Cards inside Sheet Protectors, Dry Erase Markers, Emoji Cards, Paper Towels

1. Give each child a **Bingo Card inside Sheet Protectors** and a **dry erase marker**.
2. Place **Emoji Cards** in a stack in the middle of the circle, picture side up.
3. Allow kids to take turns drawing an **Emoji Card**. Read the **card** to the group while showing them the picture on the front.
4. Kids will draw an "X" over the picture on their **Bingo card** that matches the picture on the **Emoji Card**.
5. The first kids to get "Bingo" – five in a row vertically, horizontally, or diagonally – are the winners!
6. Reward the winners with another piece of candy from the **Bag of Candy**.
7. Keep playing until everyone gets Bingo and a piece of candy! Then, clean the **Bingo Cards** using **paper towels**.
8. Afterwards, **SAY**:

**We are so thankful that Jesus loves us enough to forgive us for the wrong things we do. Since that is the way Jesus shows love to us, we can show love to others by not keeping track of their wrongs!**

**Everyone hold your noses and help me say what we need to know today!**

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## Wrap It Up (5 min)

**Materials:** Filler Guide

**TEACH** the next part of the Memory Verse and motions (on left) to the group and then play a game:

1. Allow group to sit in a circle. Everyone will place their hands out to their sides as if carrying a tray in each hand.
2. Kids will place their right hands on top of the left hand of the person on their right.
3. Say one word of the verse at a time. On each word, kids will bring their right hand across their bodies and clap the next person's right hand.
4. If a child's hand gets clapped on the last word of the verse ("6"), he is out! But, if he can move his hand and make the previous person clap their own hand, that person is out!

**REMIND** kids to practice this verse at home & they will learn more of the verse next week!

**ASK** the following to review Large Group:

1. **In Large Group, what did Vic have to pay for doing something wrong?** (\$50,000 fine)
2. **How did Screech show love to Vic?** (Screech didn't keep track of all the mean things Vic had said and paid the fine Vic couldn't pay)
3. **Today, we learned to show love by \_\_\_\_?** (Not keeping track of wrongs)

**USE Filler Guide** to keep kids engaged in small group.