

**Need to Know:**

**Love Is Not Happy
With Evil!**

Bible Story:

Paul Meets Jesus
Acts 9

Materials:

- Bible Story Cards
- Number Cards
- Question Sheet
- Hand Sanitizer
- Small Candy
- Memory Verse Cards
- Filler Guide

Get Their Attention! (3 minutes)

Materials: None

INTRODUCE yourself by saying:

**Hey everyone! My name is _____, and I'm so glad all of you are here today!
We're going to keep racing through God's Word to learn how to show love to others!
I'm sure we can all agree that being evil is not a good way to show love. Being evil
means being mean or doing something that God says is wrong.
Let's go around the circle. When it's your turn, tell us your name and the most EVIL
thing you think a race car driver could do in a race.**

INTRODUCE kids to what we are learning today:

**Those are some pretty evil things! Being evil is not a good way to show love. And
being happy about it when others are evil isn't a good way to show love either! For
example, would it show love if we laughed when someone was being made fun of?
(No!)**

**That's because Love Is Not Happy With Evil. That's what we need to know today. Say
it with me:**

Love Is Not Happy With Evil!

Bible Story (5 min)

Materials: Bible Story Cards

TELL your group that they will all play Paul as you read the story. Have them follow the instructions included on the **Bible Story Cards**.

READ the **Bible Story Picture Cards**. After the story, **ASK**:

1. **What was Paul doing that was evil?** (Trying to hurt people who loved Jesus)
2. **How did Jesus feel about Paul being evil?** (He wasn't happy about it!) **Right!**
**Since Jesus loved Paul and the people he was trying to hurt, Jesus wasn't
happy that Paul was being evil.**
3. **Who is someone that you love?** (Mom, Dad, etc.) **How would it make you feel
if someone was mean to them?** (Not happy!) **Why?** (Because you love them!)
4. **Sometimes, we are the ones being mean or doing something wrong. Even
though Jesus was not happy with the evil Paul was doing, did Jesus still love
him and want to become his friend** (Yes). **Does Jesus still love us and want to
be our friend even though we have been mean and done wrong things?**
(Yes!)

Jesus loves everyone, and that's why He is not happy with evil!

So what do we need to know today? Love Is Not Happy With Evil!

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

**Dear Jesus, thank You for not being happy when people do evil things. Help us
know when we're being mean or doing wrong & when others are being mean or
doing wrong & show us what we should do! We love You! Amen.**

Application Activity Summary:

Kids will play one round of "Musical Chairs" and will sit down on numbers that correspond to questions they will be asked. Questions will teach them that love is not happy with evil!

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 wrong."
(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).

It always protects
(cross arms on chest).

It always trusts
(hands in front, palms up).

It always hopes..."
(hands on heart)

1 Corinthians 13:4-7a

Application Activity (7 min)

Materials: Number Cards, Question Sheet, Hand Sanitizer, Small Candy

1. Have all the kids stand up. Lay **Number Cards** on the floor in a circle.
2. Explain to your group that they will sing and walk around the circle (like "Musical Chairs") until you say "STOP", at which point they will stop singing and walking and sit down on the **number card** closest to them.
3. Lead kids in singing the chorus of our series song several times (see lyrics below) as they walk around the circle (They can do the "clap, clap, stomp" part while they are going around the circle if they would like).

**Oh-oh
Yeah-eah
Love will never fail
Oh-oh
Yeah-eah
Love will never fail**

4. Say "STOP" and wait on the kids to sit down on a **number card**.
5. Ask each kid the question from the **Question Sheet** that corresponds to the **number card** they are sitting on.
 - If there are more kids than **number cards**, kids can share a **number card** and answer together.
 - **SANITIZE** hands and reward kids with a piece of **small candy** when they answer their question.
6. Afterwards, **SAY**:

Because Jesus loves us, He is not happy when others are evil to us or when we are evil to others! If we want to show love like Jesus, we should not be happy with evil either!

**And that's what we need to know today! Say it with me:
Love Is Not Happy With Evil!**

Wrap It Up (5 min)

Materials: Memory Verse Cards, Filler Guide

TEACH the next part of the Memory Verse and motions (on left) to the group and then play "Musical Chairs" again:

1. Have all the kids stand up. Lay **Memory Verse Cards** on the floor in a circle.
2. Sing the chorus of our song several times (see lyrics above) with your group as they walk around in a circle.
3. When you say "STOP", have them sit on the **Memory Verse Card** closest to them.
4. Kids will then work together to put the verse in order.

REMINd kids that they will learn the rest of the verse next week. Then, if they know the whole verse in three more weeks, they will win a special prize!

ASK the following:

1. **In Large Group, did Vic want to repay Brad with love or with evil?** (With evil)
2. **Was Screech happy or not happy about that?** (Not happy)
3. **What do we need to know today?** (Love Is Not Happy With Evil!)

USE Filler Guide to keep kids engaged in small group.