



Get Their Attention! (3 minutes)

Materials: None

INTRODUCE yourself by saying:

Hey everyone! My name is _____, and I'm happy you came to hang out with us today as we are learning about how to show love to others!

Before we get started today, can I tell you guys something? I have the hardest time with _____ (Share something that is difficult – math homework, learning a new skateboard trick, etc), and sometimes I want to give up because it's so hard.

Have you ever wanted to give up on something? On your turn, share your name and one thing that you have wanted to give up on (Ex: learning a sport, doing homework, being nice to people at school, etc).

GO AROUND the circle, allowing each child to share his/her name.

INTRODUCE kids to what we are learning today:

- **When something is hard, it's easy for us to give up doing it. Do you ever think it's hard to show love to someone?** (Allow responses)
- **Should we give up loving others just because it can be hard sometimes?** (No!)
- **Think about all the people in your life who haven't given up loving you! Who are some of those people?** (Jesus, parents, siblings, teachers, friends, etc)

That's right! Those people haven't given up on you and you can love others by not giving up on them! In fact, that's what we need to know today. Say this after me!

Love Never Gives Up!

Bible Story (5 min)

Materials: Bible Story Page

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

1. **What did Moses' mom and sister do to show they loved him?** (Never gave up on him, saved him from dying, protected him, etc)
2. **Was it hard to keep doing your push-ups during the story?** (Yes) **Did you give up, even though it was hard?** (Allow responses)
3. **Should you give up loving others when it is hard?** (No)

It can be hard to love others, especially if they have done something mean to us or get on our nerves. When it is hard to show love, we can remember that God never gives up on loving us, & we can love like Him by never giving up on others!

And that's what we need to know today. Let's say it together!

Love Never Gives Up!

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

Heavenly Father, thank You for never giving up on us. Help us to love others the way You love us by never giving up on them, even when it's hard. We love You! Amen.

Need to Know:

Love Never Gives Up!

Bible Story:

God Protects Moses

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Materials:

- **Bible Story Page**
- **Cookies**
- **Coloring Sheets**
- **Crayons**
- **Filler Guide**

Application Activity

Summary:

Kids will move a cookie from their foreheads to their mouths only using the muscles in their face. If they don't give up, they will win another cookie!

Memory Verse:

"Love is patient

(point to watch).

Love is kind

(thumbs up).

It does not want what belongs to others

(shake head "no", 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).

It always protects

(hug self).

It always trusts

(hands in front, palms up).

It always hopes

(hands on heart).

It never gives up

(make X with arms, then throw fists down).

Love never fails."

(one hand out to side, other hand out to side)

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Application Activity (7 min)

Materials: Cookies

1. Allow kids to sit with their legs extended straight in front of them (This will keep their cookies from falling on the ground later).
2. Give each child ONE **cookie**.
3. Kids will balance the **cookie** on their foreheads. Then, using the muscles in their face ONLY (no hands), kids will try to work the cookie down to their mouths.
4. Kids cannot eat the cookie until they get it into their mouths.
5. Encourage the kids not to give up, because if they get the cookie to their mouths, not only can they eat it, but they also get another cookie!
6. Reward kids with a second **cookie** as they catch their first cookies in their mouths.
7. While kids are eating their cookies, **ASK**:

- **If you kept dropping your cookie, did you want to give up?** (Allow responses)
- **Did you like getting another cookie when you didn't give up?** (Yes) **Just like I gave you a cookie when you didn't give up, God will bless us when we don't give up on loving others!**
- **What are some things people might do that makes it hard for you to love them?** (Get on your nerves, do something mean, be rude to you, etc)

Whether it's hard or easy to love someone, we should never give up on them. By not giving up on others, we are loving them the way God loves us. When we remember how God showed His love to us first, that makes us want to love others in the same way! So what do we need to know today?

Love Never Gives Up!

Wrap It Up (5 min)

Materials: Coloring Sheets, Crayons, Filler Guide

REVIEW the Memory Verse and motions (on left) with the group, and then play a game:

1. Give each child a **coloring sheet** and a **crayon**. Allow kids to choose ONE random word on their **coloring sheets** and color it in.
2. Say the Memory Verse as a group, and when kids hear the word that they colored they should stand up!
3. Do this again, allowing kids to color an additional word each time, until they are jumping on every word of the verse!

REMIND kids that they will win a prize for saying this whole verse next week!

ASK the following:

1. **In Large Group, why did Screech give up on Vic?** (Vic never listened to Screech)
2. **Who convinced Screech not to give up?** (His/her mom)
3. **What did Screech's mom teach him/her about love?** (Love Never Gives Up)

USE Filler Guide to keep kids engaged in small group.