

Need to Know:
Love Never Fails!

Bible Story: God's Love Never Fails Exodus 13-17

### **Materials:**

- Stadium Picture
- Hand Sanitizer
- Small Candy
- Bible Story Cards
- Game Cards
- Game Story
- Racing Tattoos
- Filler Guide

### Get Their Attention! (3 minutes)

Materials: Stadium Picture, Hand Sanitizer, Small Candy

**INTRODUCE** yourself by saying:

Hey everyone! My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I'm so glad all of you are here today for our last week of VROOM! In this series, we've been racing through God's Word to learn what it says about love!

Let's go around the circle. When it's your turn, tell me your name and how many race fans you think are in this stadium (Show Stadium Picture)!

**ALLOW** each kid to share his name and how many fans he thinks are in the stadium. After every kid has had a turn, **SAY:** 

There are actually 140,000 fans in the stadium. Although you <u>failed</u> to guess the correct number of fans, there is something that <u>NEVER</u> fails, and that is God's love! Even though you guessed wrong, I'm going to give you a piece of candy anyway to remind you that God's love never fails, even if we do.

So here's what we need to know today! Say this after me: Love Never Fails!

**SANITIZE** hands and give each kid a piece of **Small Candy**.

### Bible Story (5 min)

Materials: Bible Story Cards

**EXPLAIN** to kids that they will say "Love Never Fails" whenever they hear you read the word "love" during the Bible Story.

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

- 1. How do you think it made God feel when the Israelites were ungrateful that He parted the Red Sea to rescue them from slavery? (Sad, frustrated, etc.)
- 2. Did God's love for the Israelites fail when they were ungrateful? (No!) What did God do for the Israelites that showed that His Love Never Fails? (He provided them with food and water anyway)
- 3. Will God's love for <u>us</u> ever fail? (No!)
- 4. When the Israelites blamed being hungry and thirsty on Moses, did his love for them fail? (No!) Right! He loved them no matter what. If we love others no matter what like Moses did, what can we show others about God's love? (That it never fails!)

Even when they were ungrateful, God's love for the Israelites never failed! God's love for us will never fail either! And just like Moses tried to love the Israelites no matter what, we should try to love others no matter what, too! Because love never fails!

That's what we need to know today! Say it with me: Love Never Fails!

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

Dear Jesus, we are so thankful that Your Love Never Fails! Help us love others no matter what, just like You love us no matter what! We love You! Amen.

# Application Activity Summary:

In the game of "Blowout", you will read a story about a racecar. Kids will follow you around the circle and fall down when the car's tires blow out. Kids will see that even though things may fail, God's love doesn't!

### **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: Game Cards, Game Story

- 1. Give each kid a Game Card and have them sit in a circle.
- 2. Explain how we will play "Blowout".
  - Tell kids that you are going to read them the **Game Story** as you walk in a circle around them (similar to "Duck, Duck, Goose").
    - > Make sure to read the story dramatically and somewhat slow.
  - When they hear you say the car part that is on their game card, they will lay their game card on the floor where they were sitting, stand up, and start following you around the circle.
  - Once your whole group is walking around the circle, they should be listening for you to say "Blowout", at which point they will fall to the ground, and then race back to their seats!
- 3. After playing "Blowout", ASK:
  - What failed in this story? (Thomas' car)
  - Do we fail at things sometimes? (Yes!) That's right! We do! Like when we get questions wrong on a test or forget to do a chore.

At one point or another, we are all going to fail. But even when we do, one thing <u>NEVER</u> fails. Does anyone remember what that one thing is? (God's love!)

Right! And that's what we need to know today! Say it with me: Love Never Fails!

### Wrap It Up (5 min)

Materials: Racing Tattoos, Filler Guide

**REVIEW** the Memory Verse and motions (on left) with your group several times.

Then, have your group say the verse together, while you cue them with the motions. Help them with the words if needed.

**PASS OUT Racing Tattoos** to reward kids for remembering the verse.

Then, ASK:

- In Large Group, which car part didn't fail on the racecar? (Goodlove's Spark Plugs)
- 2. What is the one thing that **NEVER** fails? (God's Love!)
- 3. What do we need to know today? (Love Never Fails!)

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