

God Loves You

BIG IDEA



**God loves you
and invites you
into a relationship
with Him.**

LEADER GOAL



Introduce students to who God is and the story of the Gospel in a simple, welcoming way. Help students understand that God's love is the foundation for everything they'll learn throughout the year.



WELCOME + CONNECT

LEADER SAYS

"Welcome back!"

"Last week your challenge was to start reading your script. Did anyone find a character they already relate to? Why did that character stand out to you?"

(Allow students to share.)

"Today we're going to begin talking about the most important person we'll learn about all year - God."



LIVE SPARK

GOD LOVES YOU AND INVITES YOU TO KNOW HIM

GRAB

A simple profile card about the leader

IDEA

Knowing facts about someone isn't the same as actually knowing them.

SPARK

God loves you and invites you to know Him.

DO/SAY

[Hold up the profile card.]
"I made a profile about myself.
It says my name is _____.
My favourite food is _____.
Something I love doing is _____.
And my favourite _____ is _____.
So here's my question:
Now that you know those things... do you know me?"
[Take a response.]
"Not really, right?"
You know some things about me.
But actually knowing me takes relationship. We'd have to spend time together. Talk. Listen. Ask questions.
And that's something Ariel understands.
She knows all kinds of things about the human world - but she wants to actually discover it for herself.
Sometimes we can do the same thing with God.
We can know facts about Him without ever wondering:
Can I actually know Him?
That's what we're going to explore today.
And here's our Spark:
God loves you and invites you to know Him.
Not just know about Him. Know Him.
Let's get started."

THEN

Move directly into Who Is God? / Spiritual Practice and the Gospel conversation in the Week 2 curriculum.



SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

WHO IS GOD?

LEADER SAYS

"Here at K2K we believe there is one true God. Throughout this year we'll spend lots of time learning about who He is and how much He loves us."

The Bible teaches that God created everything. He created the world. He created the oceans. He created every animal. And He created every one of us.

God loves His creation very much and wants to have a relationship with every person.

But people chose to turn away from God and live life their own way. The Bible calls this sin.

Sin is anything we think, say, or do that goes against God's good ways. Every one of us has sinned.

Because God loves us so much, He didn't leave us separated from Him. He sent His Son, Jesus. Jesus lived a perfect life. He died on the cross for our sins. Three days later He rose again, defeating sin and death.

Because of Jesus, anyone who trusts Him can be forgiven and have a relationship with God.

"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16 (NLT)

"That's the Good News we'll keep discovering all year long. No matter who you are or where you've come from, God loves you and invites you to know Him."



STUDENT REFLECTION

LEADER SAYS

"We've covered a lot today, and it's okay if you still have questions. Questions are welcome here. Let's talk together."

PROMPT

What's one thing you learned about God today, or what's one question you still have?



K2K BASICS & EXPECTATIONS

At K2K...



You matter, and we want to get to know you! The real and authentic you is important to us.



You can be yourself. What matters most to us is who you are, not what you can do.

What we expect from you...



Most importantly, treat one another the way you want to be treated.



Encourage each other.



Choose to be honest.



Participate, play, and learn with cooperation and kindness. Be respectful.



One person speaks at a time.



BOUNDARIES & CONSEQUENCES

We value this space so much that we set up boundaries to keep K2K a safe and special place for everyone. If you are not able to treat others, the furniture, this building, or your leaders with respect, you will receive a warning. After two warnings, we will pause what we're doing to speak with the K2K Staff. At that time, you will be given a choice, and if the behaviour does not change, we may ask you to step back from attending K2K.

[FULL LIST OF EXPECTATIONS - K2K RULES OF CONDUCT LINK](#)



THIS WEEK - YOUR CHALLENGE!

"Continue reading your script this week, getting familiar with the characters and story!"



CLOSING PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank You for loving us so much.

Thank You for creating each one of us with purpose and inviting us into a relationship with You through Jesus.

As we begin this year together, help us to be curious, ask good questions, and grow in our understanding of who You are.

Thank You for bringing each person to K2K and reminding us that we belong here because You love us.
Amen.

Connection Activities



SUPPLIES

Nada



ACTIVITY 1 | NAME GAME

- Have students sit in a circle.
- Have one student say their name and their favourite food.
- The student beside them must repeat the name and food, then add their own name and favourite food.
- Continue around the circle, with each student repeating all the previous names and favourite foods in order before adding their own at the end.



ACTIVITY 2 | SILENT ARIEL

- Have students take turns being Silent Ariel.
- Silent Ariel will have to find a way to tell their group members something interesting about themselves without talking.
- The group members try to guess what the interesting fact is.