

SMALL GROUP | DAY 4

GOD MADE ME AMAZING AND WONDERFUL



Bible

“May your roots go down deep into the soil of God’s marvelous love; and may you be able to feel and understand, as all God’s children should, how long, how wide, how deep, and how high His love really is, and to experience this love for yourselves, though it is so great that you will never see the end of it or fully know or understand it. Ephesians 3:17-18

I John 3:1NIRV “See what amazing love the Father has given us! Because of it, we are called the children of God.”

Jeremiah 31:3 NIRV The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.

Supplies

- A Bible
- Clothing for the campers to act out Bible story (3 hats, money bag)

Crew Leader prepare ahead of time

- Marks verse Ephesians 3:17-18 in Bible before Small Group Time.
- Thinks ahead of a time when you’ve made a poor choice.

Digging Deeper

Who does God love? (Everyone! Me!) and How Deep is God’s Love?

Alright, __Crew Name__, I want to hear it from you.

Who does God love? (Everyone! Me!)

___Host’s name___ shared a story from the Bible about a dad who loved a lot even when His son spent all of his inheritance money.

What is the Bible? The Bible is....TRUTH!



I can trust God no matter what

Act Out Bible Story

Characters Needed: father, two sons, a few pigs

Let’s act out this story! Who wants to be the father? The two sons?
How about a few pigs? (Choose volunteers)

I will read the story as you act it out.

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There once was a man who had two sons. One day, the younger son said to his father, “Give me my inheritance now. I want to spend lots of money.” *Campers just move mouth as if talking.*

Now, usually a son doesn’t get his inheritance until his father dies. However, the father gave his younger son the money.

“Yahoo! I’m off with my father’s money to PARTY!” Just as he spent his last bit of money, a famine came on the land.

There was no food in the land and even if there was food, he had no money to buy some.

So he got a job for a farmer, feeding pigs. He became so hungry that the pig’s food looked tasty enough to eat!

Have some campers act as the pigs around the son.

Finally, the younger son came to his senses. “What am I doing? All of my father’s servants have more than enough bread to eat, and I am dying of hunger. I will get up and go to my father.”

The younger Son didn’t even make it to his father’s house. When his father saw him while he was still far away, he started running to his younger son. He hugged him.

The younger son kneeled down at his father’s feet, saying, “Father, I have messed up! I have sinned. I am not longer worthy to be called your son.”

But his father didn’t care. He threw a party because he was so happy his son was home!

Bombershay Campers can retell the story themselves as they act it out.
Crew Leader leads in clapping for the actors when the story is done. Bows.

How Deep Does God’s Love Go?

- Has anyone ever tried to dig a really deep hole in the ground?
- How deep did you dig? Just deep enough to plant flower or veggie seeds? Deep enough to set fence posts? Even deeper to dig a new pool? (Let Campers share)

We are learning today about how deeply God loves us.

- How deep do we need to dig until God’s love for us stops?

Everyone say, “GOD’s love never ends” putting an emphasis on God.

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How high do we need to go into the galaxy, among the stars, until God's love is no more?

God's LOVE never ends.

How wide across the ocean do we need to boat until God's love runs dry?

God's love NEVER ends.

You are right. God's love never ends.

The Bible, it says, "May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love; and may you be able to feel and understand, as all God's children should, how long, how wide, how deep, and how high His love really is, and to experience this love for yourselves, though it is so great that you will never see the end of it or fully know or understand it. Ephesians 3:17-18 NLT

OLIO: Campers act out this verse by how long (doing a split), how wide (stretching their arms wide), how deep (bending over and touching their toes), and how high (reaching as high as they can on their tip toes.)

Wow! That's a lot of love! I want to show you with a science experiment how much God's love is for you.

Science Experiment

Supplies:

- Large baking sheet or baking dish to collect foam liquid (1 per group)
- Parchment paper or 11x17 piece of white paper to write on and then put on the bottom of Baking sheet/dish (1 per group)
- Sharpie marker to write sins on paper
- Empty plastic bottles (1 per group)
- Hydrogen Peroxide (1/2 cup per group) 1 bottle should be enough for all three groups.

It is important to use at least 6%. You can use 8% or more (available on Amazon), or you can use Salon Care Professional Stabilized Formula. For supreme results, use 20 to 50 Volume Clear Developer from Sally Beauty Supply. This will create an amazing flow of Elephant's Toothpaste that they Campers will love! 3% from the grocery store will NOT work well.

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Additional Supplies:

- liquid dish soap (1 bottle)
- Dry yeast (3 tablespoons needed for each group)
- Food colouring
- Measuring cups and spoons
- Warm water
- Paper towels to wipe up any mess
- Safety goggles (1 per Crew Leader)



Crew Leaders ask Campers this question to introduce the science experiment:

Anyone ever mess up or make a poor choice? What are some mess ups or poor choices people make?

Crew Leader writes the poor choices the Campers suggest on the large sheet of paper using a Sharpie marker.

When done, place the paper with poor choices on the bottom of the baking tray. Proceed with the science experiment.

Crew Leader puts on safety goggles.
Place an empty plastic bottle in the center of the baking dish.
Pour $\frac{1}{2}$ cup Hydrogen Peroxide into plastic bottle.

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Add a big squirt of liquid dish soap to the bottle. Gently swirl bottle to mix.

Drop a few drops of food colouring into the bottle. (optional)
If you want to give your foam stripes like some toothpastes, place the drops of food colouring inside the rim of the bottle and let it run down the sides of the plastic bottle. Do not mix.

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In a measuring cup, mix together one tablespoon of dry yeast and three tablespoons of warm water. Stir for about thirty seconds.

Pour the yeast mixture into the bottle. Lay the bottle in the baking tray or baking dish. Then quickly step back, and watch your reaction go!

Crew Leader says,

How cool! Don't you love Elephant's Toothpaste?!

Wait! What happened to all of the mess ups and poor choices we wrote on our paper? (

This foam reminds me of God's love. His love covers all of our mess ups and poor choices. He never stops loving you and me. His love keeps bubbling and foaming!

Anytime you might feel sad or alone, remember Elephant's Toothpaste and how much God love covers you.

The Science behind Elephant's Toothpaste:

- Hydrogen Peroxide is an antiseptic used to clean cuts and scrapes. It kills bacteria. Hydrogen Peroxide is a liquid made of hydrogen atoms and oxygen atoms (H_2O_2). Hydrogen Peroxide comes in various strengths or concentrations. The higher the concentration, the more carefully it must be handled. It breaks down when exposed to light so it usually comes in dark brown bottles.
- When Hydrogen Peroxide breaks down, it turns into Oxygen (O_2) and water (H_2O). Normally, this break down happens slowly, but you can make the reaction happen faster. That is what we did when we added a catalyst called yeast.
- Yeast is an organism that contains a special chemical called Catalase that break down Hydrogen Peroxide. Catalase is found in almost all living things that are exposed to Oxygen.
- When we mixed yeast with Hydrogen Peroxide, the Hydrogen Peroxide quickly broke down into water and Oxygen gas. The Oxygen gas formed bubbles. Bubbles that would escape from the liquid and pop quickly. We want our bubbles to stay, don't we?! By adding a big squirt of dish soap, we added surface tension allowing the bubbles to get trapped and create even more foam. This foam looks like a giant squeeze of toothpaste - almost big enough for an elephant to brush his teeth!
- The reaction will continue as long as there is Hydrogen Peroxide and yeast left.
- Clean up: Wash the foam down the sink when you are done with the activity and small group time is over.

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Prayer

Thank you, God, for loving us so much like bubbly Elephant's Toothpaste! We are so glad that Your love never ends. Help us to love our family members and friends with the same kind of love You have for us. And even when we're not used to telling others how much we love them or how much You love them - help us to have courage to do so. Amen!



Tell Someone They are Deeply Loved

Everyone wants to be loved, and there's no other love as deep and wide and high as God's love, so let's tell them.

That's your Take Action!

Decide who you'll tell about God's love.

Then tell them:

I love you and so does God! He loves you just as you are.

Tell this person what you appreciate or admire most about them. You will make them feel super special!

Take a risk. Have courage.

Inside your Playbill, write their name in the heart because you told them about God's love. Bring your Playbill back tomorrow and tell your Crew Leader who you told about God's love



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