

God is Love

Lesson Idea:

1 John 4:16 "God is love."

The idea of Unconditional Love can seem so unnatural to us- There is nothing we can do to earn love and we can't lose love because the Bible tells us that "God is Love". It's not what He does... Love is who God is. His love for us doesn't change or go away based on our circumstances or actions.

Items needed:

- A See-through glass jar (to represent you and me)
- Different Heart Shapes (to represent all the things that we can do to "earn" love)

Instructions:

1. Explain that the jar represents you and me. Then start placing the different hearts into the jar explaining that these are all the things we do to try and earn love- like helping people and being kind to them (give a few examples to full the jar)
2. Then explain that when we aren't kind or don't do things right and sin, we can feel like we have lost love (take some of the the hearts out the jar)
3. Then explain that this is not true, "God is Love"- It's not what He does... Love is who God is. His love for us doesn't change or go away based on our circumstances or actions.

See it in action: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=58XsHqI_Cl8