

Group Bible Study Activity – Wednesday Group A- 9:30am Group B- 10:30am

The following activities are for after our large group time together in the tabernacle. You may or may not have time to do each one listed or may want to substitute an activity with something else. Feel free to do what you know is best for your group. You know them best!

Today's Bible Story: Easter Story / Jesus Forgives Peter • *John 21:15-25*

Today's Bottom Line: Love who Jesus loves.

Memory Verse: *Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith. And he is the one who completes the journey of faith.* Hebrews 12:2a (NIRV)

2. The Loved One

What You Need: "The Loved One" cards (Activity Page), plastic cup, markers (provided at camp)

What You Do:

- Set out the cards from "The Loved One" Activity Page face-up in the middle of the group.
- Set out the markers.
- Instruct the kids to choose a card that matches who they are the most.
- Encourage the kids to color and decorate their card and write their name on it.
- Once cards are completed, invite the kids to turn in their cards to you.
- Shuffle the cards and put them in the cup.
- One by one, invite kids to pull out a card and take it to their dorm with them so they can pray for that person throughout the week and when they return home.
- Encourage kids to get to know the person on their prayer card and even ask how they can be praying for this friend.

What You Say:

"Whether you pulled out someone who seems similar to or different than you, we know that Jesus loves each and every person on these cards. Whether you're the silly one, the sporty one, or the musical one, Jesus loves every one of you. He has offered this kind of love and forgiveness to every person sitting in here and He desires to be in a relationship with you no matter what you're like.

"Just like Jesus has invited you to **[Bottom Line] LOVE who Jesus loves**, He also wants you to accept His love for yourself. I'm excited to see how you love who Jesus loves in your own creative ways throughout the rest of our time at camp together! And remember, if you have questions about what it looks like to start a relationship with Jesus yourself, you can talk to me or any other adult here at camp.

3. Keep Looking

What You Need: “Keep Looking” Activity Pages, magnifying glasses (provided at camp)

What You Do:

- Divide your group into two teams.
- Place a shuffled set of memory verse words and a magnifying glass across the space from each team.
- One by one, direct the kids to run down to the papers, use the magnifying glass to find the next word of the memory verse, grab the strip, run it back to the team, place the word in order, and send the next kid on the team to do the same.
- The first team to put the entire memory verse in order is the winner!

What You Say:

“Our verse tells us to keep looking to Jesus for how to best live out our faith journey! This means we can look to Jesus to help us know how to **[Bottom Line] LOVE who Jesus loves**. There will be times we have to look harder than others, like when we don’t feel like someone deserves our love. But, if we look hard enough, we’ll always find that Jesus thinks we should show love to everyone no matter what!”

End with prayer but wait to dismiss until the bell rings so other groups aren’t disturbed.