

LESSON 4

GOD'S LOVE ENDURES FOREVER**LESSON AT A GLANCE****WONDER TRUTH:** God's Love Is Faithful**SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 103; 136**GOD'S BIG STORY:** Psalms 103 and 136 express deep gratitude to God for His faithful love—His compassion, grace, patience, and presence. These songs help God's people remember who God is and that His faithful love goes on forever!!**WORD OF WONDER:** How God made me is amazing and wonderful. —from Psalm 139:14**Object Lesson: Explore a Hoop****Activity: Heart, Hot, Cold****Worship****God's Big Story****Snack****Word of Wonder****Prayer and Blessing****Activity: Heart Stamps**

Object Lesson: Explore a Hoop

SUPPLIES: large plastic hoop

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church.

Welcome! We're going to talk today about God's love and how He never stops loving us! Let's play with a hoop and remember how God's love never ends.

Can you find the beginning and end of the hoop? Allow the kids to look at the hoop and point out that there is no beginning or end.

There is no beginning or end to this hoop! It goes on and on, which reminds us of God's love. The Bible says God's faithful love endures forever! It doesn't stop, no matter what. We can praise God because His love is faithful, and His faithful love lasts forever. Let's play a game with this hoop to help us get curious about God's faithful love!

Let the kids play with the hoop. They can walk or climb through it while you hold it upright. You can lay it on the ground and let them walk or hop into it. They can put it around their waists or toss it gently.

This hoop reminds us that God's love never stops. That means it endures. It doesn't stop. It's faithful—we can count on it. We can praise God today for His love! Today we'll learn more about how God's faithful love endures forever.

Activity: Heart, Hot, Cold

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: [Heart Hot Cold Sheets \(1 set/SG\)](#)

Ahead of time, print a set of the Heart Hot Cold Sheets. Set them on the ground next to each other.

We're going to do an activity where I'll say something, and you'll touch or step on the picture that describes it. If I say something that's hot, you'll go to the hot picture. If I say something that's cold, you'll go to the cold picture. If I say, "God," you'll go to the heart picture because God is love.



Invite the toddlers to touch or step on the picture that describes each of the following (or make up your own to add):

- Hot chocolate (hot)
- Ice cream (cold)
- God (heart)
- Snow (cold)
- The sun (hot)
- God (heart)
- Ice cubes (cold)
- Bonfire (hot)
- Cooking on the stove (hot)
- God (heart)

We're learning about God's love today. We can always count on God's love. It will always be with us. Kind of like how we can trust that snow is always cold or a fire is always hot. We can count on those things. A fire won't change and be cold. God's love doesn't change. That means it's faithful. We'll learn about that today.

Our Wonder Truth today is: GOD'S LOVE IS FAITHFUL.

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

GOD'S—Point up.

LOVE—Wrap your arms in a hug around yourself.

IS FAITHFUL—Raise arms up high, hands open.

Worship

Today we're learning about how God's love is faithful and lasts forever. What a great truth to celebrate! Let's sing about the faithful love of God together.

Play songs from the LL Playlist and encourage the kids to sing and dance with you.

God's Big Story

SUPPLIES: Bible, scissors (prep only), paper (several sheets)

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: Bible Story Picture (1/SG)

Ahead of time, cut out a paper heart for each kid, plus one extra.

God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about God and His love for us. Encourage the kids to say, "God loves us." **Let's find out about God's love from the Bible.**

Show the kids the God's Big Story Video, read Psalm 103:8 and 136:1–9, 11–16, 26 from the Bible, or use the script provided. You can also print the Bible Story Picture to give kids a visual depiction of the Bible story.

We're learning about God's love today. You can each have a paper heart to put on the floor next to you. When I hold up a heart, you can touch (or stand on) the paper heart and say with me: God's love goes on and on! Give each kid a paper heart and practice with the kids.

The Bible is full of song poems called psalms. The book of Psalms has a lot of praises to God. Hold up your heart. Kids respond: **God's love goes on and on.**

The Bible reminds us in Psalm 103:8 that God is kind and patient with us. He doesn't get angry with us. God is full of love for us. Kids respond: **God's love goes on and on.**

The Bible tells us in Psalm 136 that God is good, and His love goes on forever. God made everything—the sky, the sun, the moon, and the stars. God is strong and powerful. Hold up your heart. Kids respond: **God's love goes on and on.**

God took care of His people and helped them. He rescued them from danger. God never forgot about them. God led His people, kept them safe, and gave them food. God's love is faithful. That means it never stops, and we can trust it. Hold up your heart. Kids respond: **God's love goes on and on.**

God always keeps His promises. God deserves all our thanks for everything He has done. We should say, "Thank You, God!" When we learn about God's love, we can also share that love with other people. Hold up your heart. Kids respond: **God's love goes on and on.**

We can trust God and thank Him because God's love is faithful. Hold up your heart. Kids respond: **God's love goes on and on.**

We repeated that phrase so many times because it's very important to remember! Collect the paper hearts. You may want to use them again in the Prayer and Blessing time.

Word of Wonder

SUPPLIES: Bible

WORD OF WONDER

How God made me is amazing and wonderful.

—from Psalm 139:14

Our Word of Wonder for the Wonderfully Made series is from Psalm 139:14. Let's practice saying the Word of Wonder together. Practice the verse with the kids.

Encourage the kids to do the motions and say the verse with you.

- **HOW GOD**—Point up with both hands.
- **MADE ME**—Point to yourself with two thumbs.
- **IS AMAZING**—Put one arm out to your side for each word.
- **AND WONDERFUL**—Burst both arms up and out to the sides at the same time.
- **FROM PSALM 139:14**—Hold your hands open in front of you, as if holding a book.

Prayer and Blessing

Let's talk to God. When I say, "love" or "loving," give yourself a hug. If you still have the paper hearts from God's Big Story, invite the kids to hold up the paper hearts.

Dear God, thank You for **loving** (kids respond) **us**. Thank You for being kind and patient with us. God, help us show others Your **love** (kids respond). **We love** (kids respond) **You**. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands are open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

Blessing: God loves you, and nothing can take that love away. Now and forever, feel safe in that love. Let it sink deeply into your heart and be with you every day, no matter what. God's love is faithful—forever and always.

Activity: Heart Stamps

SUPPLIES: construction paper (1 sheet per kid), ink pads, heart-shaped stamps, wet wipes, heart-shaped stickers (optional), coloring utensils (optional)

Set out the sheets of paper, ink pads, and heart-shaped stamps. Watch the kids carefully to make sure they don't put anything in their mouths or make a mess with the stamps. Provide wet wipes to help with any messes.

Today we're learning about how God loves us no matter what and that He loves us forever! God's love is faithful. Let's make heart pictures to remind us of God's great love. We can thank God for His faithful love.

Let the kids use the stamps to make pictures they can take home as a reminder of God's never-ending love. You can also let the kids use heart-shaped stickers or coloring utensils.