



FAMILY CHURCH

FOR KIDS



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WELCOME INTRODUCTION

Pastor,

We realized that our churches could use a **Quick** and **Easy** way to effectively minister to the families with children in their churches.

This is why we have created the free 4-week, "**Family Service for Kids**" series, created especially to be used during this time when families are required to sit together during services.

Our Family Ministry Specialists have prepared 4 complete, plug-n-play service outlines on the Fruit of the Spirit. These services combine video elements with teaching segments that provide everything you need for a powerful service guaranteed to minister to everyone in attendance.

With the assistance of one or two of your kids ministry leaders, Sunday School teachers, or parents, you will share a message that your families will LOVE and REMEMBER!



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SAMPLE SERVICE ORDER

Each week you will have an order of service that will reflect what you see below. You can remove or add pieces as it fits your church's service. These are only guidelines.

1 3 MINS	PRAISE Here we will list songs we believe will fit the lesson and make it easy for you to engage kids in praise.
2 2 MINS	OFFERING (VIDEO) Each week will be an opportunity to give to BGMC. See the resources folder for each week's video sources.
3 4 MINS	LESSON INTRO (VIDEO) A video will be provided each week as a fun way to intro the lesson points. See the resources folder for each week's video sources.
4 3 MINS	MEMORY VERSE (SLIDES) Each week we suggest a Bible verse for kids to learn. You can use the provided activity each week to teach this to your kids.
5 7 MINS	BIBLE LESSON (TEACHING) Use the lesson provided to teach kids a Bible story each week.
6 4 MINS	OBJECT LESSON (TEACHING) Use the provided script to teach kids, in a memorable way, the main point of that week's lesson.
7 3 MINS	WORSHIP Here we will list songs we believe will fit the lesson and make it easy for you to engage kids in worship.
8 4 MINS	ALTAR/BLESSING (TEACHING) Listening to God's voice and responding to teaching is important. Each week this section will include some creative ways to lead kids and families in prayer. You will end with a special blessing for all your congregation.

- Each piece of the sample service order is intended to be an individual short segment.
- If you have one or two leaders who can each take one segment, that is preferable. Think VBS.
- We recommend the lead pastor teach the Bible lesson or lead the altar response.
- Empower parents by letting them know this service will be a fun interactive kids-oriented service that will minister to parents and give them insight to disciple their kids throughout the week.

**LET'S
GET
STARTED!**

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

WEEK 01 **LOVE**

Have you ever been left out?
Has someone said mean
things to you or said they
aren't your friend anymore?
These are all times when we
need the Holy Spirit to help
us love others.



SERVICE ORDER

LOVE

1 3 MINS	PRAISE
2 2 MINS	OFFERING (VIDEO) 1. "BGMC-1min-Promo.mp4" 2. "Offering Video.mp4"
3 4 MINS	LESSON INTRO (VIDEO) See how Toxic Ted is handling his commitment to love. "Lesson Intro LOVE Web Version"
4 3 MINS	MEMORY VERSE (SLIDES) "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." - 1 John 4:8
5 7 MINS	BIBLE LESSON (TEACHING) Jesus Heals a Blind Man John 9:1-23 Families will hear the Bible story about Jesus showing love by healing a blind man.
6 4 MINS	OBJECT LESSON (TEACHING) Kids will discover a way they can show love.
7 3 MINS	WORSHIP
8 4 MINS	ALTAR/BLESSING (TEACHING) God LOVES through me

PRAISE

Here are song titles we recommend. Consider purchasing these songs and using them for praise.

JumpStart3 "GALATIONS 5:22-23"

Hillsong Young & Free "REAL LOVE"

Kidspring "LOVE WILL NEVER END"

Praise songs can be fun for the whole family, especially when the focus is on how kids praise. Encourage your congregation to participate and have fun praising Jesus alongside their children.

OFFERING

Your church may want to have their normal "tithing & offering" time, however, we encourage pastors to create a special moment to involve kids. In the resource folder you will find two videos that highlight the Boys and Girls Missionary Challenge (BGMC.) The first is a quick explanation of what BGMC is and the second is a fun video to play while kids give.

1. **"BGMC-1min-Promo.mp4"**
2. **"Offering Video.mp4"**

**LESSON
INTRO**

See how Toxic Ted is handling his commitment to love. See the resources folder for video component:

"Lesson Intro LOVE Web Version"

MEMORY VERSE

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Let's find out what the Bible says about showing love to others. Everyone look under your chair. If you find a paper with a heart on it, bring it to the front of the room.

Read 1 John 4:8

"Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."

Have volunteers stand, holding the hearts so the verse is in the correct order.

Say the verse together as a group.

Choose one or two of the volunteers to hide their Verse Heart behind their back.

Say the verse as a group again.

Repeat, hiding words until the group can say the verse from memory.

When we ask Jesus to come into our heart and life at salvation, the Holy Spirit comes into our life too. When we show love, we show that God the Holy Spirit lives in us.

If we remember this verse, it can help us remember to let God the Holy Spirit show God's love through us.

Contact-less option:

- There will be a power point provided with the memory verse.
- Each slide will subtract one or two words from the verse.
- Read through them slide by slide until there are no words left and the group can say the verse by memory.

YOU WILL NEED

- Scripture hearts document
- Scissors
- Tape

GETTING READY

- Print and cut out the hearts for the scripture.
- Place a piece of tape and put the hearts under the chairs in random across your sanctuary.

BIBLE
LESSON**JESUS HEALS A BLIND MAN**

John 9:1–23

Say: Our Bible story is about a time when Jesus healed a man who had been blind since birth. Everyone close your eyes and think about what it would be like to be blind.

Have the group close their eyes and keep them closed until you tell them to open them.

Say: I'll make some noises. You'll use your ears instead of your eyes to guess what I'm doing. No peeking!

Make noises and let the kids guess the sounds. When kids guesses correctly, make the next sound. Use the following sounds:

- *Jingle the keys*
- *Drop the book*
- *Bounce the basketball*
- *Shake a handful of coins*
- *Clap*
- *Stomp*

Say: Open your eyes now. Were you able to guess all the sounds? *(Group response)* Some were easier than others.

Say: Now, what if I asked you to keep your eyes closed and find your way to a certain area of the room? Or find a specific person? Do you think it would be hard to do? *(Group response)*

Say: As you just discovered, being blind makes life difficult. In Jesus' time, there were no jobs for blind people. there were no special computers that could talk or books you could read with your fingers. In that time, people who were blind often had to beg for money.

Say: One day, Jesus saw a blind man. This man had been born blind. He had never seen a smile or a sunny day. He couldn't see Jesus. He couldn't see Jesus making mud from His (Jesus') spit and dirt. But the blind man could feel what Jesus did. He could feel Jesus putting mud on his eyes.

Say: Can everyone say, "Ewww"? *(Group response)* Why do you think Jesus did this? *(Allow responses.)* We don't know why, but that's what Jesus did.

Say: Then Jesus told the man to go and wash the mud off in the Pool of Siloam.

Have the kids pretend to wash mud from their eyes.

YOU WILL NEED

- Set of keys
- Basketball
- Coins
- Book

GETTING READY

Hide these items in a box or bin so they are out of sight but available for you to use.

Say: The man did as Jesus said, and he could see! It was a miracle. Can you imagine what it must have been like for the man? He had been blind, all his life. He had never seen colors, light, people, anything. And now he could see everything. What a huge difference!

Say: Can everyone say, "Wow"? (*Group response*) The man wouldn't have to beg again. He would be able to get a job and work for his living. Jesus had given the man a wonderful gift!

Say: When the man came home, some of his neighbors didn't even recognize him. They asked each other, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" Some thought he was the same man and others didn't believe it.

Have the kids turn to their neighbors and ask, "Is that him?"

Say: **We recognize the people who are important to us, don't we? (yes)** The people who lived near the man didn't even recognize him after he was healed. Maybe they hadn't really seen him before. Maybe they overlooked him because he wasn't important. **Does that show love? (no)**

Say: The man insisted that he was the same man who had been blind. He told the people how Jesus had healed him.

Say: Then the religious leaders wanted to know what had happened. They were unhappy that Jesus had healed a man on the Sabbath—the day when people were supposed to rest. They chose to focus on that rather than on the fact that the man had been healed. **Do you think that showed love? (no)**

Say: The religious leaders sent for the man's parents. They asked them if he was indeed the blind man they had seen begging. The man's parents recognized him right away. He was their son who had been blind. Can you say, "Yeah!"? (*Group response*)

Say: Do you think the man's parents showed love by identifying him? (*yes*) But they didn't want to get mixed up with the disagreement with the religious leaders. So, they just identified their son and left. They let their son deal with the religious leaders. **Do you think that showed love? (no)**

Say: Jesus had seen the man and cared enough to do something to help him. Jesus truly showed the man love by healing him. Jesus knew that healing on the Sabbath would make the religious leaders mad, but He put the man's need first. Jesus helped the man anyway. **Do you think that showed love? (yes)**

Say: Jesus lived out our Big Idea. Do you remember what it is? (*Group response*) Let's say it together. **"I will put others first."**

Have the kids say the Big Idea together.

Say: Jesus also lived out the Truth Verse. He showed love to the man who was blind. Let's say the verse together.

Have the kids say the Truth Verse together. "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." 1 John 4:8

Say: Jesus showed love to the man by healing him. Let's think about how we can show God's love.

OBJECT
LESSON**WAYS TO SHOW LOVE**

Kids will discover a way they can show love

Say: Showing love isn't always easy, but it's necessary. When we choose to serve God, we choose to share His love with others. We just have to look for opportunities to do so in everyday life. I've sent something to help you discover what I mean.

Invite three volunteers to the front of the room. Or a family of three for social distancing purposes.

Have your youngest volunteer pick up the plate with two candy bars, your second volunteer picks up the plate with one, and your third volunteer is left with the plate that contains none.

Say: This doesn't seem right does it? (*Group response*)

(Addressing the third volunteer.) How does it feel to be left out? (Allow response.)

Say: Maybe our Big Idea can help. Say it with me. "I will put others first."

Say: Kids, what can our other volunteers do to live out our Big Idea? (*One of the volunteers with candy could share with the volunteer who has none.*)

Encourage the volunteer with two candy bars to give one to the third volunteer who has none.

Say: When we put others first, we show God's love. It's not always easy to do because it can mean giving up something we want. But if we have Jesus in our heart, He gives us the desire to share His love with others.

YOU WILL NEED

- Three plates
- Three Candy Bars

GETTING READY

Place 2 candy bars on one plate, 1 candy bar on another, leaving one plate empty.

WORSHIP

Bethel Music Kids “Amazing Love”

C.S. Lewis said: “It is in the process of being worshipped that God communicates His presence to men”

One of the 8 Goals of Kids Ministry (insert link) is to raise up children who are “Responsive in Worship.” When we lay the groundwork that the Holy Spirit can walk on, He will draw the hearts of the children to Jesus. We encourage you to schedule a dedicated worship time for your kids to connect with the Spirit of God.

ALTAR & BLESSING

GOD LOVES THROUGH ME

Action Steps:

- Ask God to show you one way that you can show love to someone this week.
- Write it down on a sticky note and place it on the board.
- Pray that God would show you who you can show His love to and do it this week.

Contactless Option:

Place one sticky notes or index card at each seat.
Show Action Steps on screen.

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- Take a picture of your sticky note or index card and post it to your church’s social media page.

YOU WILL NEED

- Prayer Station Response sign on the wall or easel
- Poster boards
- Sticky notes
- Pens or markers
- Glue dots or easel

GETTING READY

- Set up prayer station sign/foam board on easel
- Write “Signs of Love” across the top of the poster boards.
- Attach poster boards to wall with glue dots or use an easel.
- Place blank sticky notes and pens or markers near the poster boards.

BLESSING

What is a blessing?

Blessings speak words of life and reinforce the promises God has made in scripture. At the end of the service read this blessing over your people.

“May you feel God’s everlasting love for you. May it overflow in your life reaching those around you. May the Holy Spirit strengthen you to show His love to others this week.”



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