

VIVE Kids  
**Legends**

LESSON

**MAY 31, 2020**

## **HEY PARENTS!**

*Although we are not gathering together this Sunday, VIVE Kids is still on! We put together the following guide to help equip you with everything you need to do this Sunday's lesson at home with your kids. Feel free to use as much or little of the information as you feel comfortable, and have fun with it! We love you and are praying for your family today!*

*Love,*

*The VIVE Kids Team*

## **OVERVIEW OF TODAY'S LESSON**

**VIRTUE:** God's created us with a special identity

**MAIN POINT:** God Made Me to Honor

**MEMORY VERSE:** Psalm 139:14, "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

**BIBLE STORY:** The Greatest Commandment - Matthew 22:34-40

# WORSHIP

Encourage your kids to get up, dance, and enjoy praising Jesus with you!

NEVER STOP

RECKLESS LOVE

## BIBLE STORY

What You Need: A Bible, oversized heart

**SAY:** What's up VIVE Kids Legends today's Bible story is from the book of Matthew.

1. Let's practice looking up our Bible story in our Bibles! We are going to do a SWORD DRILL today!
2. A sword drill is when we use our Bibles as a sword. A little while ago in VIVE Kids we learned that the Bible is like a double edge sword- powerful and useful! When I say "swords up!" I need you to raise your Bibles over your heads like this (show the kids). Then, I am going to say the book, chapter, and verse that you will be looking up. When I say "GO" you go! The first person to find the verse will shout "GOT IT" and I will come over to check. The first person to locate the verse wins!
3. SAY: "Swords up! Matthew 22:34!"

**SAY:** Everyone is now on Matthew 22:34 but before we read it we are going to go over who has been around Jesus during this time. Jesus had arrived to Jerusalem and had been many places including the temple where high priests would teach about the law. Jesus was also going from one place to another teaching, healing, and performing miracles. During this time, people thought of the Bible as just the LAW. The Bible was to them just a book full of rules: Do this/ Don't do that. The Pharisees (the teachers of the law) were experts at knowing and following these rules. They thought following the rules was all that mattered, but they forgot that everyone makes mistakes sometimes and disobeys those rules. And then what?!? Is that it? One broken rule and it's all over?

**READ** Matthew 22:34-40

**SAY:** The Bible says that the person that asked Jesus the question was an expert in the law. In that time, they had a whole bunch of laws, more than 600! This expert was asking Jesus to give him the one rule that was the most important out of all those rules. But Jesus gave a different answer.

**RE-READ:** verses 37 and 38 out loud.

**SAY:** So when the experts were waiting for a very complicated answer, what answer did Jesus give? (Answer: LOVE!) The most important thing for God is LOVE.

First, above all LOVE GOD, now what do you think it means to LOVE God with all your HEART, SOUL, and MIND? It really just means that you LOVE Him completely. So you can't just say you LOVE God, or just give an offering, or just listen to the teaching; we are to LOVE God all the time and in every way.

**SAY:** I am going to ask some of you to follow my instructions.

**DO:** Call 3 kids up front by name and ask each one to perform one of the following actions:

- Kid #1: Do 5 jumping jacks!
- Kid #2: Raise your hands in the air and wave them like you just don't care!
- Kid #3: LOVE!

(this last kid is going to look a little confused).

**SAY:** LOVE is an action that needs to be lived by doing other things like obeying, hugging, encouraging, helping, etc. That is why Jesus said that the second most important thing is for us to "Love your neighbor as yourself".

**DO:** Tell the volunteers to follow your instructions, whatever you say. Grab the oversized heart and talk about how it represents love. Give the heart to one kid, then to the other, then to the last volunteer, and then take it back. Then, say to one of the kids, "Give the heart to \_\_\_\_ "( the 2nd volunteer) They will act confused, because you are the one holding the heart.

**SAY:** Can you give something you don't have? NO. That is why the verse is sort of backwards because it says to love as you love yourself. For us to be able to love on others, we need to first love ourselves. To be able to encourage others, we need to speak nice things of ourselves.

**DO:** Have all the kids up front take their seats.

**SAY:** The Bible says to love our Neighbor. Who is a neighbor? (Let kids answer.) Neighbors are those closest to us. Who is closest to you? (Let kids answer.) Those closest to you are your family members, your parents, your siblings. What are some ways you can show love to your family members? (To your parents: obedience, respect, affection.) Who else? (Let them answer.) Maybe your friends. What are some ways you can show love to them? (Let them answer.)

**SAY:** The best thing about God's love is that you can keep asking yourself: Who else? Who else you can show love to? Who else is in need? Who else can I help? That is how BIG God's love is!

**SAY:** Remember that the Bible teaches us that God is LOVE. Love is who He is, His essence. What He is made of. Remember the best way He showed His love was to give Jesus' life for our own.

### **Memory Verse Review -**

VERSE: "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." Psalm 139:14

**ACTIVITY:** Go over the Legends memory verse and hand motions. Repeat these a couple times to allow kids to memorize the verse.

# ACTIVITIES

## **Bible Story Activity**

SUPPLIES: Popsicle Sticks

DIRECTIONS:

Say: Today, we learned about God's Greatest Commandment. Can anyone tell me what that was? (Allow responses- use this time to re-cap the Bible Story/ Main Virtue/ Main Point).

## THE HONOR CHALLENGE

1. Explain to the kids that they are going to randomly pick a challenge from the pail of popsicle sticks. Whatever they choose, that will be their challenge for the week.
2. Allow each kid to pick one popsicle stick and give them a minute to think about how they practically complete their challenge this week.

## REFLECTION TIME

1. Go around the circle and have the kids share their challenge and what they plan to do in order to complete it.

2. What are some ways that we can honor God while we are in VIVE Kids?

Ex) Following our VK Values, worshiping with our whole hearts, leading by example, etc.

We show God that we love Him by loving others.

3. What are some ways that we can continue to honor God when we leave VIVE Kids?

Ex) Talk about how we can treat our siblings, our parents, our friends, our teachers, our babysitters, etc.

## PRAYER

Dear Jesus, help us to honor you by loving others the way we love ourselves. Thank you for your ultimate example of love. We love you. In Jesus name we pray, AMEN.

## ADDITIONAL PARENT RESOURCES

### **The Bible at Home:**

This is a short video, small devotion, and scripture reading to strengthen your child's understanding of the Bible story for this week

[WALK WITH JESUS](#)

### **More Worship Songs:**

[LET GO](#)

[GOODNESS OF GOD](#)

### **Fun Game Ideas**

[INDOOR GAMES TO PLAY AT HOME](#)

[KIDS GAMES FOR THE FAMILY](#)

### **Health and Safety**

[CDC HOME AND WORKPLACE GUIDANCE](#)

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# VIVE kids

lines below.

**BEGIN**

LOVE HEART WITH GOD LOVE THE LORD YOUR YOUR GOD

LOVE HEART LORD MIND LOVE YOUR SOUL

THE MIND YOUR HEART ALL YOUR ALL WITH

YOUR YOUR LORD ALL WITH AND AND HEART

LORD SOUL AND ALL YOUR MIND

SOUL AND

**END**

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