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Slide: Welcome

(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

Slide: Series Intro

Today we are going to learn about something really important: LOVE! Can you guys think of some things you love? (allow kids to answer). Good job! We love things like our families and friends, our pets, our toys, and tons of other stuff.

Well in today's lesson we are going to learn all about love and how to do it the right way. Sometimes we think of love as some mushy gushy thing that only married people have but we are all supposed to love one another!

We'll talk about that more in a few minutes, but first, let's stand and sing a song together.

Song

Learning to Be the Light

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

Slide: Big Idea

All together: Jesus is the perfect model of how to love. **(Repeat)**

Video

Play lesson video.

Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- What are some things love DOESN'T do? (demand it's own way, get irritated, keep track of your mistakes)
- What are some things love DOES do? (put others first, be patient with others, forgive)
- True or False: Jesus shows us how to love others. (T)

Love can be a really hard thing sometimes. It can be a lot of work to love people when they are being mean or annoying but that's the awesome thing about love. It doesn't matter how people are acting, we can still love them. The best way to help you love people who are hard to love is simply remembering how much Jesus loves that person. He loves every single one of us a lot. In fact, he loves us so much that he gave up his life so that we could be with him in heaven! That's one of the reasons Jesus is the best example for how to love people. He put us first when he died on the cross. And, He doesn't ignore us when we sin, even though it makes him sad. He chooses to forgive us! If that isn't an awesome example of love then I don't know what is. Love is such an important thing and we should all try to love just like Jesus loves us!

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

Slide: Memory Verse

"Hatred stirs up quarrels (fists raised), but love makes up for all offenses (hands over heart)." Proverbs 10:12 (*Repeat*)

The word "quarrel" is kind of funny, but it's just another word for a fight or argument. When we don't love someone we end up spending a lot of time arguing with that person and being mean to them. But when we love them, we are able to look past all of their mistakes and still be their friend, even when they mess up. When we love others it brings us together. Thanks to love, we can have good friendships and a family who will do anything for us.

Love is truly a gift from God and it's important to understand what love is and what it isn't. So next time your sibling messes with your stuff or a friend leaves you out, instead of yelling at them, choose to be forgiving and patient. That's how Jesus responds to you when you mess up. Let's love others like Jesus loves us!

Now let's all stand and sing one last song together.

Song

Lean on Me

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

Slide: Big Idea

Jesus is the perfect model of how to love. (Repeat)

Slide: Let's Pray

Pray and release the kids to small group.