

Everyone's Different

LOWER ELEMENTARY LESSON PLAN

Theme: God's love for all people

Scripture: Romans 10:12

Memory Verse: For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him. - Romans 10:12

The Children's Sermon

Hey kids! Today, we're going to talk about something really cool that God did. God made all of us different, and that's something to be happy about. Just like when you look at a rainbow and see all those beautiful colors, God made people in lots of beautiful colors too. Some people have light skin, and some have dark skin. Some have curly hair, and some have straight hair. And guess what? God did this on purpose because He loves variety. He made all these differences to please Him, and He loves all of us the same, no matter what we look like.

Now, let's talk about something super important called Unity in Christ. Unity in Christ means that even though we all look different or come from different places, when we believe in Jesus, we all become one big family. It's like if you have different kinds of pets at home. You might have a dog, a cat, and maybe even a bird, but they all live together happily in your home. In the same way, God wants all of His children to live together happily in His big family.

Sometimes, people forget about Unity in Christ and think that because someone looks different, they're not as important. But that's not true! The Bible tells us that God made

every person special, and He loves each one of us so much. Imagine if the world was only one color. That would be so boring, right? God made us different to make the world a beautiful place, just like a garden with lots of different flowers.

Now, let's think about how we can show Unity in Christ in our own lives. It's like when you're playing on a team. Maybe you're playing soccer, and everyone on the team has a different job. One person might be the goalie, another might be a defender, and someone else might be a forward. Each person is different, but you all work together to win the game. That's what Unity in Christ is like. We all have different gifts and talents, but we use them together to show God's love to the world.

Remember, Unity in Christ also means helping each other and being kind. If you see someone who is feeling left out or sad, you can be their friend and show them that they're important. Jesus taught us to love everyone, even if they're different from us. He showed us that by being friends with all kinds of people and helping them.

So, what can we do to make sure we're living in Unity in Christ? We can start by being nice to everyone, no matter what they look like or where they come from. We can invite someone new to play with us, share our toys, and listen when someone else is talking. It's all about showing love, just like Jesus did.

And remember, when we all come together in Unity in Christ, we make the world a better place. Just like a puzzle, every piece is different, but when you put them all together, you see a beautiful picture. God wants us to be like that puzzle, all different but coming together to show His love to the world.

In conclusion, kids, always remember that God made you special, and He loves you very much. And He wants us to love each other the same way, no matter how different we are. That's what Unity in Christ is all about. Let's pray and ask God to help us live in unity and love everyone the way He loves us.

Dear God, thank you for making each of us special and different. Help us to see the beauty in our differences and to live in Unity in Christ. Teach us to love each other just like You love us. Amen.

So, kids, let's go out there and show the world what Unity in Christ looks like, by loving and caring for each other every day. Remember, we're all part of God's big, beautiful family, and together, we can make the world a brighter place.

Bible Memory Verse

For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him. -

Romans 10:12

You Will Need:

- Colored paper
- Markers or crayons
- Scissors
- Stickers (optional)

Get Ready:

- Cut the colored paper into heart shapes, one for each child.
- Write 'God Loves Everyone' on the top of each heart.

Do This:

1. Give each child a heart and markers or crayons. Ask them to decorate their hearts while thinking about how God loves everyone, no matter where they are from or what they look like.
2. Encourage the children to write the memory verse, Romans 10:12, on their heart or to draw pictures of different people around the world to represent God's love for all.
3. Create a 'God's Love Wall' where all the hearts can be displayed. Discuss how the wall represents God's big family and how He loves and accepts us all, just as we should love and accept others.

Bible Interactive Experience

You'll Need:

- A large world map or globe
- Heart stickers
- Different colored playdough
- Bible

Get Ready:

- Place the world map or globe in a central location where all the kids can see it.
- Prepare small pieces of different colored playdough on a tray.
- Have heart stickers available within reach.

Do this:

1. ****Introduction****: Start by reading Romans 10:12 to the children: "For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all

who call on him." Explain that this means God loves everyone in the world, no matter where they are from or what they look like.

2. ****World Map Activity****: Give each child a heart sticker and let them place it on any country on the world map or globe. As they do this, encourage them to say, "God loves everyone in [name of the country]." This visual activity helps them understand the vastness of God's love for all people around the globe.

3. ****Playdough People****: Hand out different colored playdough to each child and instruct them to create a small person out of the playdough. Emphasize that even though each playdough person is different, God loves all of them the same. This hands-on activity reinforces the lesson that God's love is for all people, regardless of our differences.

By engaging in these activities, children will grasp the concept of God's universal love in a fun and interactive way, aligning with Romans 10:12.

Snack Activity: Hearts Together Fruit Salad

You'll Need:

- A variety of fruits (grapes, strawberries, apples, oranges, etc.)
- Heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Large mixing bowl
- Serving spoons

Get Ready: Wash all the fruits thoroughly and have an adult help with cutting any fruits that need to be sliced.

Do this:

1. Use the heart-shaped cookie cutter to cut the larger fruits like apples and strawberries into heart shapes. This shows us that just like these fruits are different but can be shaped into hearts, people are different but are loved the same by God.
2. Mix all the cut fruits in a large bowl. As you mix, talk about how Romans 10:12 tells us that God loves everyone the same, no matter where they are from or what they look like.
3. Serve the fruit salad to the kids and remind them that just like this fruit salad is made of different fruits coming together, God's family is made of different people coming together in love.

Game Activity: Heart Hopscotch of God's Love

You'll Need:

- Sidewalk chalk
- A small stone or beanbag
- A spacious area to draw a hopscotch

Get Ready: Draw a hopscotch grid on the ground but instead of numbers, write the letters to spell 'GOD'S LOVE' in each box. The first box should have 'G', the second 'O', and so on until 'E'. If you have more space, you can make the path back to the start with hearts or crosses.

Do this:

1. Have the children line up behind the starting line. Explain that as they hop through the hopscotch, they will spell out 'GOD'S LOVE', which is for everyone, just like Romans 10:12 says. This shows us that God doesn't have favorites; He loves us all the same, no matter where we come from.

2. The first child tosses the stone or beanbag onto the first square ('G'). They then hop over that square, landing on one foot in the single squares and two feet in the double squares, and continue hopping to the end. On the way back, they pick up the stone but skip the square it's in.
3. Once they complete the course, they shout 'God loves everyone!' This continues until all children have had a turn. After everyone has finished, gather the children and discuss how God's love is for all people, everywhere, and how we can share that love with others.

Craft Activity: God's Love is for Everyone Globe

You'll Need:

- A small, clear plastic ball that can be opened (like a fillable ornament)
- Blue and green tissue paper
- Glue and a small paintbrush
- White cardstock
- Markers or crayons
- Scissors

Get Ready: Cut the blue and green tissue paper into small squares to represent water and land. Print or write Romans 10:12 on the white cardstock and cut it into a small strip that can fit inside the plastic ball.

Do this:

1. Open the plastic ball. Inside one half, use the paintbrush to apply a thin layer of glue. Stick the blue and green tissue paper pieces onto the glue to create a globe pattern, representing the Earth. Let it dry.

2. While waiting for the globe to dry, decorate the strip of cardstock with markers or crayons. Write 'God's love is for everyone' on it, along with Romans 10:12. Fold it so it will fit through the opening of the ball.
3. Once the globe is dry, place the decorated strip inside the ball. Close the ball. You now have a globe that shows God's love is for everyone, everywhere, just like Romans 10:12 says.

Prayer Activity: God's Big Heart Prayer Circle

You'll Need:

- A large sheet of paper
- Crayons or markers
- A globe or world map

Get Ready: Draw a big heart in the middle of the large sheet of paper and write 'God's Love for All' inside it.

Do this:

1. Sit in a circle with the children and place the globe or world map in the center.

Explain that God's love is for everyone in the whole wide world, just like Romans 10:12 tells us.

2. Ask each child to think of one person they know (it could be a family member, friend, or someone from another country) and say a short prayer for them. They can pray for that person to feel God's love and care.

3. After they say their prayer, have them draw a small heart on the big sheet of paper and write the name of the person they prayed for inside the heart. This will show how all these people are included in God's big heart of love.

4. Conclude by reminding the children that no matter where we are from, God loves all of us the same, and we are all part of His big family.