

OLLIE'S ORCHARD





Group Time Guide

Supplies Needed: Sponge, Two Cups (one empty and one with water)

1. Introductions

Circle Up: As you come into the room, give each Kid-O hand sanitizer and have them sit in a circle. Encourage each Kid-O to say their name as you pass out a snack to everyone who can have one.

2. Discussion Questions

- What did people do to show love to each other in our Bible Adventure? (They shared food and clothes, they prayed for each other.)
- What are some ways you show love to others? (Share, help them, invite someone to play, make a card, say kind words to someone, etc.)

3. Activity

Say This: God loves us so much, and he helps us share that love with others. Let's imagine that this sponge is like us, and the water is love. (Dip sponge in cup with water.) When we follow God, he fills us with his love, just like this sponge is full of water. (Squeeze sponge out into empty cup.) When we are full of God's love, we can share that love with other people.

Do This: Do this a couple more times. Fill the sponge with water and squeeze it out to show that God keeps filling us with love so we can keep loving others.

The Point: When we follow God, he fills us with love so we can love others. We can love others by helping, forgiving, sharing, and doing kind things.

4. Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Prayer

Do This: Practice the Memory Verse and the Big Idea with the kids.

Memory Verse: Galatians 5:22-23 – "But the fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy, and peace. It is being patient, kind, and good. It is being faithful and gentle and having self-control."

Big Idea: I can love others.

Do This: Pray! "Dear God, we love you. Thank you for loving us. Help us to love others. Amen."