

The image features a vibrant orange background at the top, which transitions into a teal background at the bottom. A thick, glossy orange liquid is shown dripping down from the top edge, creating a jagged, wavy border between the two colors. The text 'WHEN LIFE' is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the orange section, while 'GETS MESSY' is written in the same style across the teal section. The overall composition is clean and modern, with a strong visual contrast between the orange and teal colors.

WHEN LIFE

GETS MESSY



Group Time Guide

Supplies Needed: Two magnets

1. Time to Talk

Look Up and Read: Romans 8:38-39. These verses are all about how nothing can separate us from God's love.

- What's a day in your life that was really special? Why?
- Has there ever been a time when you felt like you had to earn someone's approval? (Maybe from a teacher, parent, friend, etc.) What was it?
- How would you answer Josh and Beka's big question? If someone asked you why following Jesus is important, what would you tell them?
- What does the verse say about God's love for us?

2. Hands-On Activity

Do This: Grab the two magnets.

Say This: When God made the world, everything in it was perfect. But soon, people started to do things they knew were wrong, called sin. That sin separated all of us from God. (Hold up the magnets so that they push away from each other). No matter how hard I push, these magnets stay separated just like we were separated from God. God had an amazing plan, though. He sent his Son, Jesus, into the world. Jesus died on a cross and rose again to take the punishment we deserved for the wrong things we've done and to show us how much God loves us. (Turn the magnets around so they stick.) Because of what Jesus did, we can have a relationship with God and nothing can separate us from his love for us.

Do This: Talk about why you decided to follow Jesus and let kids ask questions they have about following Jesus. It's okay to not have all the answers.

The Point: Jesus loves each one of us so much and he wants to have a relationship with us. We can all have a relationship with Jesus and he will never stop loving us.