



# WEEK 2

## ELEMENTARY AT-HOME LESSON

# LEGACY

### THE BIG IDEA

The Holy Spirit helps us love everyone.

### THE BIBLE

**More People Believe in Jesus:** Acts 10:44-48;  
(1 John 5:1-6)

#### MUSIC | Your Love For Me

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Sing some worship songs with your family! Some songs we suggest are:
  - [Love One Another](#) by Yancy
  - [Love the Lord](#) by CJ and Friends
- God loves us so, so much! God surrounds us with love. And because God loves us so much, we can love others, too! Let's sing about God's love!

#### ACTIVITY | What's the Difference?

- I am going to show you two images – they look the same, but there are some differences. Whenever you spot a difference, stand up!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Look together at the "What's the Difference" Activity Page. Tell the kids to stand up when they see a difference between the two. Choose some of the kids to come to the front to point out the differences one by one. Consider using a draw tool on your computer to circle the ones they point out or just point out the differences on the screen. (The answer key is also provided below.)
  - **PRETEEN HACK:** Print a copy of the printable for each kid and see who can spot all the differences the fastest.
  - **SPECIAL NEEDS HACK:** For kids who have visual impairments, provide two different tactile items to compare.
- It's funny how easy it is to find all the differences when you really start looking for them. Sometimes, we do that with people, too, don't we? It's important that we don't treat people differently based on their differences, though. We're all different, and that's okay!



### VIDEO | Legacy, Episode 2

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week's Bible story video with Pastor Robin!*

### SCRIPTURE | Acts 10:34-38

- Review today's Bible story:
- Today we are going to meet a man named Cornelius, who was a Roman army officer. Let's use our special time travel device to take us to today's Bible story!
- **INSTRUCTION:** *Use the time travel device from last week. Point your arrow to the plate with the corresponding Scripture and play this [sound effect](#). Retell the Bible story from Acts 10:34-38 and/or show this [video](#).*
  - **PRETEEN HACK:** *Consider asking one of the preteens to read the Scripture. Invite preteens to engage in Scripture reading in interactive ways (e.g., reading aloud, drawing images while reading, illustrating words that stand out, etc.).*
- One day when Cornelius was praying, an angel spoke to him and told him to find a man named Peter, who had a message for him. So, Cornelius sent out some of his servants to go find Peter. **Does anyone remember who Peter was?** Yes, he was one of Jesus' disciples! Same Peter.
  - Elsewhere, when Peter was praying alone, the Holy Spirit told Peter, "Somebody is looking for you." Just then, Peter heard some guys downstairs say they were looking for him!
  - So, Peter got up and went downstairs and said, "I'm the one you're looking for!"
  - The men took Peter to see Cornelius. When they arrived, Cornelius had his whole family and all his friends gathered together to hear the special message from Peter.
- Here's the thing: Peter was Jewish and the Jewish people typically weren't friends with people outside of the Jewish community. That is, until Jesus came, and brought this brand new message that God's love is for everyone.
- Peter realized that was the message he was supposed to tell Cornelius! God's love is for everybody!
- When Cornelius and his friends believed in Jesus, they received the Holy Spirit, and it was very clear to Peter and his Jewish friends that God loves everyone, and gives the Holy Spirit to anyone who believes in Jesus!
- **The Holy Spirit helps us love everyone.**
- Loving everyone can be a tough thing to do. But great news! We don't have to do it alone. When we believe in Jesus, we have the Spirit of God, and that Holy Spirit helps us love everyone.

### BONUS SCRIPTURE | I John 5:1

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Read I John 5:1.*
- **Who is the son of God?** (*Jesus.*)
- **If we love God, then who else do we love?** (*Jesus. Everyone.*)
- **How does knowing that Jesus loves everyone help us to love everyone?**



### DISCUSSION

- What made Cornelius different from Peter?
- How did Peter find out that God loves everyone, even if they are different?
- How can we receive the Holy Spirit?
- Read I John 5:1. Do you think it is possible to love God but not love God's children?
- How has God shown you love?
- Who is someone who is really different from you?
- How can you show them love this week?

### RESPONSE | Love Locomotive

- So far, we talked about how the Holy Spirit helps us to know God. When we know God, we know that God wants us to treat others with kindness. And that's where the Holy Spirit comes in . . . to help us love everyone!
- It's not enough to just say you love someone. Love is an action. Let's talk about how we can actually show love.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Use four giant sticky notes or poster board to make a train (similar to [this](#)). One paper should be the engine, labeled "Holy Spirit." The other three papers are the railroad cars behind the engine, labeled, "family," "friends," and "others." Give kids three regular sticky notes and write or draw ways to show love to the people in each category. When they are ready, invite them to stick their responses on each of the railroad cars.
- **How can we show love to our families?** (e.g., Help with dishes or laundry, put away toys, write thank you cards.)
- **How can we show love to our friends?** (e.g., Share toys, carry books, help with schoolwork, remember their birthdays.)
- **How can we show love to other people we know but who aren't our friends?** (e.g., Include them in games, invite them to sit with you at lunch, stand up for them.)

### REFLECTION | Dear Friend. . .

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Encourage each kid to think of someone who is different from them. Instruct them to use crayons or markers to write a letter or draw a picture for that person.
- **When was the last time you showed love to someone who was very different from you? Who was that person?**
- We are going to spend a few minutes writing or drawing a picture for that person. Share some things you love about that person in your letter or picture.

### PRAYER

- Dear God, we pray for the Holy Spirit to change our hearts to be like yours. Help us see people the way you see them so we can love the way you love. Amen.



