

# Compassion

## God Story

A Sinful Woman  
Comes to Jesus  
*Luke 7:36-50*

### Big Idea

We can share God's love  
by being compassionate.

### Key Verses

...[God] is the Father who  
gives tender love. All  
comfort comes from him.  
He comforts us in all our  
troubles. Now we can  
comfort others when they  
are in trouble.  
*2 Corinthians 1:3-4*

### Leader Tip:

Prepare for the activities  
before the kids arrive, so  
you can lead with  
confidence and  
enthusiasm! Remember  
to pray for your group,  
too.

## My Story

- 1. Conversation Starter** **2 MINUTES**  
Use the discussion questions about compassion to set the tone for your group's time together. Introduce today's Big Idea.
- 2. Intro Activity** **5 MINUTES**  
Encourage the kids to collaborate as they spell important words from today's lesson – using their bodies!

## God Story | Life Story

- 3. Weekly Video** **12 MINUTES**  
Watch the video, which includes host, God Story, Key Verse and Life Story segments. Recap and discuss the teaching together.

## My Story

- 4. Small Group Activity** **12 MINUTES \***  
Engage the kids in thinking about real-life ways they could show compassion and God's love to people they know.
- 5. Wrap-Up Activity** **8 MINUTES**  
Learn the Key Verses by planning actions to go with the words.

## Our Story

- 6. Dismissal**  
Connect with parents and give them the take-home materials.

\* Extend as needed and adjust timing for other activities

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# My Story

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## 1. Conversation Starter

### Supplies

- None

### Leader Tip

- Help everyone better understand what compassion is by sharing your own age-appropriate example.

### Instructions

- As the kids arrive, gather them together.
- Chat about what the word “compassion” means. Make sure everyone understands that it includes doing something to help someone who’s hurting.
- Ask: Can you think of a time when you saw someone act with compassion towards another person? What happened?
- Depending on the size of your group, have the kids share their answers with the people sitting closest to them or with everyone.
- Introduce this week’s Big Idea: **We can share God’s love by being compassionate.**

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## 2. Intro Activity

### Supplies

- None

### Leader Tip

- If there are more than eight kids in your group, divide into teams for this activity.

### Instructions

- Gather everyone in an open area.
  - Let the kids know that they will need to work together and use their bodies in creative ways to form words.
  - Assign them the following words one at a time: love; God; share; help. Wrap up with the word “compassion”.
  - Explain that showing compassion isn’t a one-time deal. In the same way that the kids used their whole bodies to spell it, they should use their whole lives to live with compassion!
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# God Story | Life Story

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## 3. Weekly Video **Instructions**

### Supplies

- Video file

- a. Play the video. It includes:
    - Host segment
    - God Story (A Sinful Woman Comes to Jesus | Luke 7:36-50)
    - Key Verses segment
    - Life Story (Chef Nathan shows how he works to feed the less fortunate and his compassion for people.)
  - b. Discuss:
    - What was the Life Story about in today's video?
    - What was the God Story about?
    - How do you think these two stories and today's Big Idea (**We can share God's love by being compassionate**) connect?
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# My Story

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## 4. Small Group Activity

### Supplies

- Sad, Sick, Lonely activity pages
- Stickers
- Markers

### Leader Tip

- Make sure everyone's names are on their pages.

### Instructions

- Gather your small group to sit together.
- Give each person an activity page.
- Place the stickers and markers where everyone can reach them.
- Read aloud the question on the page: "Who in my family, school, or community is sad, sick, or lonely?"
- Direct the kids to draw a picture in each of the circles of someone they know and/or write the person's name. Help with ideas and spelling as needed.
- Discuss: How might Jesus show compassion to these people? How could you?
- Encourage the kids to draw or write two different ideas in the rectangles.
- After they fill in all the rectangles, direct them to place a sticker beside one to show that they'll try to do that thing this week.
- Flip over the page and read aloud the question on the back: "How does my compassion show God's love to others?"
- Explain that when we show compassion, we show others God's love
- To wrap up, pray that God would help the kids in your group share his love with others by showing them compassion.

## 5. Wrap-Up Activity

### Supplies

- Key Verses signs

### Instructions

- Divide the kids into groups of three people.
  - Give each group a Key Verses sign.
  - Direct the kids to come up with actions to help them remember the words of 2 Corinthians 1:3-4.
  - Encourage them to be creative and work as a team!
  - When the groups are done, invite them to demonstrate their actions while reciting the verse for everyone else.
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# Our Story

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## 6. Dismissal

### Supplies

- Crafts
- Take-home cards
- Key Verse cards
- Key Verse colouring pages

### Leader Tip

- Organize the take-home materials so they're easy to access. It may be helpful to sort them before the lesson, then set out any crafts later. Consider having one leader focus on handing out everything.

### Instructions

- a. Greet parents as they arrive to pick up their kids. Take a moment to share a highlight or two from your time together today.
  - b. Give everyone a weekly take-home card.
  - c. Offer a Key Verses card and a colouring page to anyone who has not gotten them this month.
  - d. Remind the kids to take their crafts.
  - e. Make sure their security numbers match before they leave your group's space.
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