

## 2-28-26 He Loves Me - Give, Build, Love

### Overview

God loves you **ALL the time** — no matter what! His love never stops or changes, even when you make mistakes. But what you do matters because it shows who you are becoming. This talk is about letting Jesus change your heart so you become kind, giving, and loving. Then people will know you as someone who helps and cares, just like Jesus! It's like God turning your heart from hard and grumpy to soft and happy, so you can make the world brighter.

### Big Ideas

- **God's love is forever** — He always loves you! (No "loves me not" like picking flower petals.)
- **You are like salt** — Jesus says you're the "salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13). Salt makes food yummy and keeps it good. You can make life fun, kind, and better for others!
- **Jesus makes you new** — When you love Jesus and ask Him in, you're a brand-new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17). Old yucky stuff goes away, and new happy, kind stuff comes! It's like a caterpillar turning into a beautiful butterfly.
- **God is fixing your heart-house** — Imagine your heart is a house. At first God fixes small leaks and broken parts. Then He starts big changes (sometimes it feels ouchy), but He's turning your little house into a super cool palace where He lives with you!
- **Be known for 3 awesome things:**
  1. **Giving** — Share love, hugs, kind words, toys, help — even when you don't get anything back. Be a giver, not a taker!
  2. **Building** — Help people grow strong and happy (like building friends up with kind words), not just toys or money. People last forever!
  3. **Loving** — Love like Jesus: forgive, be patient, care even when it's hard. Love covers up mistakes and makes people feel special.

### Fun Questions to Think About

- What are you known for right now? (Like "funny," "kind," "shares toys," or "helps friends"?)
- How does it feel when someone says "I love you" no matter what? How does God do that for you?
- Where do you sometimes forget to give (like sharing, saying sorry, or cheering someone up)?
- Are you building people up (helping friends feel good) or mostly thinking about your own toys/stuff?
- How has Jesus been kind to you (like forgiving you)? How can you do that for someone else?
- If God is fixing your "heart-house," what part feels like He's working on it right now?

### Things You Can Do This Week

- **Feel God's love first** — Every day, say a quick prayer: "Jesus, thank You for loving me always!" Read or listen to a Bible story about Jesus' love.
- **Give something fun** — Give a compliment, share a snack, draw a picture for someone, or help without being asked. Try one happy give each day!
- **Build someone up** — Spend time with a family member or friend: play, listen, say "You're awesome!" or "I believe in you!" Make them smile.
- **Love big** — If someone is mean or you get mad, pray for help to forgive and be kind anyway. Say "Jesus loves you" in your heart.

- **Draw your legacy** — Draw a picture of what you want people to say about you when you're old (like "He/She was super kind and loved Jesus!").
- **Tell a grown-up** — Ask a parent or teacher: "What do you think I'm known for? How can I be more like Jesus?"

## Fun Group or Family Talk Ideas

1. Share: Tell one way someone showed you love this week (or how God did!).
2. Game time: Play "What Are They Known For?" Talk about Bible people simply:
  - Good: David (brave and loved God), Lazarus (Jesus brought him back to life!), Enoch/Stephen/Naaman (faithful and kind).
  - Not so good: Cain (jealous and mean), Judas (betrayed Jesus), Delilah/Jezebel (tricked people). What made the good ones special? How can we be like them?
3. Fun question: Do you like building with blocks/toys more, or building friends' hearts with kind words? Share a time you helped a friend feel better.
4. Share: When are you a "taker" (wanting stuff) vs. "giver" (sharing)? How can we help each other be givers?
5. Read together: The simple C.S. Lewis idea — God is turning your heart from a plain house into a palace! Where do you think God is working in your heart-house right now? How can family help?
6. Dream big: What do you want people to remember about you — toys/money or kindness/love? How does knowing God loves you help?
7. Pray together: "Jesus, help us feel Your love, then give, build friends, and love like You! Amen." Take turns thanking God for something.

Jesus loves you super big — no matter what! Let His love change you so you can shine and help others too! ✨