

## 3-22-26 He Loves Me - The Prize

### Overview

This super-fun message is called “He Loves Me – The Prize!”

It’s all about finding the BEST “win” in life—like with your family, friends, school, or Jesus.

A family road trip to the Grand Canyon shows us the secret: the real prize isn’t just cool sights or prizes you win... it’s **Jesus Himself!** When Jesus is your prize, the hard stuff (like long drives or tough days) feels way more exciting and worth it!

### Big Ideas

1. **Your WHY makes your WHAT super fun!** Knowing WHY you do something (the prize) makes the hard WHAT totally worth it! Example: On a long car trip, the prize was making awesome family memories—not just seeing rocks!
2. **The prize keeps you going strong!** What you dream about most gives you power to keep trying. Like wanting to win a game or get better at something—your eyes on the prize helps you not give up!
3. **The prize is what your heart loves most!** Your heart always goes after what you treasure. In your family, your mom, dad, or sibling can be the prize. With Jesus, **HE** is the best prize ever—not heaven or toys, just Him!

### Fun Questions to Think About

1. What’s the coolest “prize” or win you think about in your family or with Jesus?
2. When you think about Jesus, are you more like busy Martha (running around doing stuff) or happy Mary (just sitting and loving Him)?
3. Does Jesus make you happy because He gives you stuff... or just because He’s Jesus?
4. What do you love most in your heart right now?
5. When something feels hard, does remembering the prize make it easier?

### Things You Can Do This Week

- Draw a big treasure chest with Jesus inside and hang it where you see it every day!
- When something is tough (like homework or sharing toys), stop and say, “What’s my WHY? Is it love?”
- Make Jesus first every morning—say “Jesus, You’re my prize!” before you play or eat.
- Tell Jesus “You’re the best!” when you feel happy or sad.

### Fun Group or Family Talk Ideas

1. Share a time you kept going because you really wanted something (like finishing a game or trip). How can that help with loving Jesus?
2. Play “Prize Tag”: Everyone says one thing they love most—then talk about why Jesus is the biggest prize!
3. If your family or Jesus was the prize, how would you act differently when you argue or feel mad?
4. Pick one easy thing to do together this week to show Jesus is #1 (like a family prayer hug or drawing pictures for Him)!