

Journey Kids Club

JKTV Episode 39



This episode's Bible story is from Acts 10-11. The Big Idea is: **I can love others in my church.** We might think the early church didn't have any problems and everyone got along but that's not true. They were still learning what Jesus meant when he sent them to tell others about him. There were racial lines and religious lines that they had not crossed before and had to learn to love the people God loved, even when they didn't always agree with them.

Activity 1: Can you say it like me?

Supplies: (provided) Languages activity sheet

Talk about it:

- What are some ways people are different from each other? (hair, eye, skin colour, come from different countries, ability differences, speak different languages, etc...)
- Is it hard to be friends with someone who is different from you? Why/why not?
- Did you know that Jesus loves everyone and that his church (which means the people, not the building) has people from all over the world in it?
- Say the Big Idea together: **I can love others in my church!**

Instructions:

- Using the languages activity sheet, teach each other different ways to say, "Jesus Loves You." Say it over several times
- See how many you can remember without looking!
- Say the Big Idea together: **I can love others in my church!**

Activity 2: Memory Verse Activity "When anyone lives in Christ, the new creation has come. The old is gone! The new is here!" 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIRV)

Supplies: (from home) small prize item like a sticker, new pencil, or food item

- Ask your child if they can say the verse without any help or prompts. They can use actions if that helps.
- If they are unable to do it on their own, give them minimal helps.
- Give them the prize.

Activity 3:

Supplies: (from home) Bible or Bible app, items from around the house or yard as per game instructions

Parent Tip: Choose one of the following games from different countries to learn and play together. Or, you may want to play all of them!

Love in Every Language - Teach each other how to say "Jesus Loves You" in the following languages:

French: Jésus t'aime

Afrikaans: Jesus is lief vir jou

Arabic: almasih yuhabik

Italian: Gesù vi ama

Russian: Iisus lyubit tebya

Korean: yesunim-eun dangsin-eul salanghabnida

Dutch: Jezus houdt van je

Greek: O Iisoús se agapáei

Instructions:

- Read the following passage: Acts 10:34-48. If your child is able to read, take turns reading parts of the story.
- ASK:
 - What is the good news that Peter told Cornelius? How would you say it in your own words?
 - What does Peter mean in vs 34-35 that God shows no favoritism? What does that mean for us today?
 - What surprised the Jewish believers? Do you think we are surprised like that today? Why/Why not?
- It's game time! Choose one of the following games that children play around the world:

From Ghana: Pilolo (In rural parts of Ghana, in West Africa, children's choice of toys is quite limited, but they find plenty of ways to have fun.)

Players: Six; ages 4 and up

What You'll Need: Sticks and stones—or if that would be confusing for kids when playing in a backyard packed with them, you can use one penny for each player.

How to Play: Designate a leader and a timekeeper, and determine a finish line. The leader secretly hides the pennies while the other players have their back turned. The timekeeper waits at the finish line to judge which player is first. When the leader says "*Pilolo!*" (which means "time to search for") the timekeeper starts the watch and players race to be the first to find a penny and take it across the finish line. The winner is awarded one point. To play again, gather the pennies and designate a new timekeeper and leader. The game is repeated as many times as energy allows; the player with the most points wins.

From the Republic of Korea: Kongki Noli (Korea is a modern nation today, but with its history dating back more than 5,000 years, the country also retains a great deal of traditional culture. Korean children celebrate many festivals throughout the year, with colorful costumes and special foods.)

Players: Two or more; ages 5 and up

What You'll Need: Five small stones.

How to Play: This traditional and popular kids game is similar to the American "jacks." Player 1 scatters five small stones on the ground. He then picks one up and tosses it in the air and quickly tries to pick up another stone in time to catch the one he just threw. Now he has two in his hand; he throws one of the stones up in the air, and picks up a third. This goes on until he has all the stones in his hand. In the second round, the player picks up two stones every time he

throws one up. In the third round, he picks up three; four in the fourth, and the fifth time he picks them all up. For the game's last step, the player tosses all the stones in the air and tries to catch them on the back of his hand. Then he tosses them up again and tries to catch them in his palm. The number he catches is that player's score. If he fails to catch them all, it's the next person's turn.

From Sumatra: Semut, Orang, Gajah (The large Indonesian island is home to the Sumatran elephant, which has made its way into this popular kids game, similar to the American "Rock, Paper, Scissors." Children play *Semut, Orang, Gajah* to determine the first player in a game or simply for fun.)

Players: Two; ages 3 and up

How to Play: Players pump their fist up and down to the count of three. On four, they straighten their arm and give one of three signs: Pinky out is "ant" (*semut*), pointer finger out is "man" (*orang*), and thumb out is "elephant" (*gajah*). The elephant beats man because it is stronger; man defeats the ant because he can step on it and squash it. And the ant? It can crawl into the elephant's ear, bite him, and drive him crazy, so the ant beats the elephant. If players make the same signs, they go again. Two out of three wins.

Activity 4: Pray together

Parent Tip: Modelling prayer for you child by praying out loud is a great way to help them become confident in praying as well

- Pray, asking God to help the church love each other as God loves us.
- *Sample prayer:* Dear Jesus, you love all people. Forgive us for the times we don't love those who are different from us. Help us to love our church family like you do. Amen.