

Jesus is the King of love

Theme: Jesus loves us so much that he lay down His life for us.

Games:

Spies: Get all the children lined up against a wall and place an object in front of them, (bottle, bean bag). Then you choose one child who is going to be the robber to leave the room. When the child is out of the room you choose another child to be the spy. Calling the child who is the robber back into the room all the players including the spy must stay as still as possible. The idea is that the robber grabs the object and gets to the other side of the room without being caught by the spy. The spy can not move until the object has been touched so the robber can try and weed out the spy by pretending to go to the object to make the spy twitch.

Carrying gravity: The idea is to see how long the children can stand on one leg (keeping the knee as high as possible) and with their arms stretched out to each side (in line with their shoulders). Time the children to see how long they last.

Memory verse: *"Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down His life for his friends."* John 15 verse 13. Copy out onto paper and cut up into eight pieces. Get the children into teams and give them the memory verse and a piece of card. The children have to each use the card to flap a piece of the memory verse to a selected point until they have all the pieces together and then they can make the memory verse.

Introduction: Ask the children what would be really tough to give away to a friend or family member. Then ask them the same question but this time they have to give something away to a complete stranger. Would we be different giving away the same things to a stranger than to someone close.

Story: John 19 verse 16. You could use the Miracle Maker video for the story or tell it in your own words if you think it would be more appropriate.

Application: Go back to the memory verse and explain to the children that Jesus loves everybody, even the people he hasn't met. Jesus showed how much He loved us by giving everything that he had for us so that we can be with him forever. You could recap from last week to remind them that He chose to give up his life for everyone.

Prayer: Choose some quiet music to put on and have a short reflection time to think about what has been said. Finish off with a short prayer of thanks for what Jesus gave for all of us.

Resources: There is Easter Garden to continue and a Mothers day card as well as a funsheet.

Song: "Jesus is greater". This is found on Spring Harvest CD 2 track 9.

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JOHN 15 VERSE 13

