

LARGE GROUP



SCRIPTURE: PSALM 103; 136

WONDER TRUTH:
GOD'S LOVE IS FAITHFUL

Countdown Clock

**5 minute countdown clock with music to let kids know it's large group time

Leader Introduction

Hello friends, my name is _____, and it's so good to see you today! Let's start by checking out our ping pong jar. What do we need to do to earn a ping pong ball?

Allow kids to answer: Bring a friend, say Word of Wonder, bring your Bible, bring an offering.

Great job! Now, why do we bring an offering?

Allow kids to answer.

That's right! Everything we have is a gift from God. When we give money, it helps us do special things on Serve the City days. We use the money to help people in our neighborhoods and to show them God's love.

Giving is one way we can help others and tell them about Jesus!

Thank you for giving! Let's have a fun time today!

Let's start by doing our Declaration together. Remember these are truths from the Bible we can hold onto always.

Declaration Video

Worship

Bible Time Rhyme

I open my Bible and What do I see? God's Big Story, Waiting for Me!

Let's hear part of God's big story, which comes from the book of Psalms.

God's Big Story

Ahead of time, pass out a heart to each kid, or bring a few kids on stage to give hearts to.

In our God's big story today, we're going to repeat a phrase about God's love.

You all have a paper heart to remind you of God's faithful and enduring love. Place your heart on the ground beside you.

Every time I hold up my paper heart, you can step (or hop) onto your paper heart and say this phrase with me: His faithful love endures forever!

Remember, faithful means we can trust and count on it. Endures means it never ends.

Hold up your paper heart and let the kids practice stepping (or hopping) onto their paper hearts and while they say the phrase. The book of Psalms is in the Bible. It's full of song poems to God.

Some are praises to God. They tell about who God is and all the wonderful things He has done. When we remember what God has done, we see how good and loving He is. We can thank Him! *Hold up your heart. Kids respond: His faithful love endures forever!*

The Bible reminds us what God is like: "The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love" (Psalm 103:8 NIV). The words "compassionate" and "gracious" are big words.

They mean that God is kind to us, and He doesn't get angry quickly. He is full of love for us. God shows it by what He does.

A long time ago, someone wrote Psalm 136. The writer wanted to thank God for His love. God's love is faithful—and it lasts forever! God made everything—the sky, the sun, the moon, and the stars. God is strong and powerful. *Hold up your heart. Kids respond: His faithful love endures forever.*

God took care of His people and helped them. He rescued them from danger. God never forgot about them. He performed miracles. Miracles are amazing signs that God is at work.

God led His people, kept them safe, and gave them food. God's love is faithful. That means it never stops, and we can trust it. *Hold up your heart. Kids respond: His faithful love endures forever.*

God is kind, gentle, and full of love. He doesn't get mad quickly. God always keeps His promises. *Hold up your heart. Kids respond: His faithful love endures forever.*

God deserves all our thanks for everything He has done. We should say, "Thank You, God!" When we learn about God's love, we can also share that love with other people. We can be thankful to God. He shows us who He is through the Bible and by what He did.

We can know God and tell others about Him and His love. We can trust God and thank Him because His love is faithful. *Hold up your heart. Kids respond: His faithful love endures forever.*

We repeated that phrase so many times because it's very important to remember! Collect the paper hearts.

Watch God's Big Story

Connecting the Wonder Truth

Our Wonder Truth Today is...

GOD'S LOVE IS FAITHFUL. Where did you see our Wonder Truth happen in the story? Allow kids to answer freely.

God is always faithful. We all do wrong things called sin, but God doesn't treat us as our sins deserve—He forgives us and keeps His promises. Long after the psalms were written, God showed His faithful love by sending Jesus. As Paul writes, "Here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

WORD OF WONDER:

ENCOURAGE THE KIDS TO SAY IT WITH YOU

- HOW GOD—Point up with both hands.
- MADE ME—Point to yourself with two thumbs.
- IS AMAZING—Put one arm out to your side for each word.
- AND WONDERFUL.—Burst both arms up and out to the sides at the same time.
- FROM PSALM 139:14—Hold your hands open in front of you, as if holding a book.

PRAYER JOURNAL:

LEAVE THESE QUESTIONS FOR SMALL GROUP LEADERS TO DO IN PRAYER JOURNALS:

- What's amazing and wonderful about how God made you?
- Why do you think God made us? (If kids need help, offer ideas such as: God loves us; God wants to be close with us; God is creative, kind, loving.)