

FULL OF LOVE

FOCUS

God loves us and has given us many good things.

TODAY'S TIP

To help students develop personal responsibility:

Designate a different student each week as "Teacher's Helper" to pass out papers, snack, or to straighten up your room.

SUPPLIES NEEDED

Items for Opening Activity:

- Small heart shaped box full of heart shaped candies or small jewelry box full of candy kisses

Items needed for craft:

- Precut ice cream dips from light colored construction paper (2 per student)
- Precut cones from light brown cardstock or heavier paper (1 per student)
- Heart stickers (optional)

1 WELCOME & SINGING

- Welcome guests & take attendance.
- Make announcements.
- Sing songs relating to today's topic
- Take prayer requests and pray

2 OPENING ACTIVITY

As class begins, show students the box and ask them to guess what is inside. After several guesses say, "This box is full of the same thing that God is full of. What is God full of?" Let them guess again. *You want them to say that God is full of love.* You may need to give more hints. After someone says "love," open the box and give each child a candy heart or kiss. Have them eat it and then ask, "What does God's love taste like?" Wait for the words "good" and "sweet."

3 INTRO TO THE STORY

"God's love is good" and "sweet." How does God give His love to us?" Wait for answers. "God gives us many good things that we don't even think about as coming from Him."

4 STUDENT LESSON

Before reading the lesson, ask the students, "Did you know that everything you and I have comes from God?" Is there anything you have that didn't come from God? *Let them respond if they have an answer.*

Here are some examples of how everything we own comes from God:

One girl said, "I bought some colored pencils with the money I earned when I helped take care of my baby sister who was sick and fussy. I bought the pencils myself, God didn't give them to me."

Ask students, "Is that really true? Where does the wood in the pencils come from?" It comes from a tree that God made, so the pencils really did come from God!

STUDENT LESSON CONTINUED...

Did you know that everything you and I have comes from God? What about the clothes you are wearing? They probably came from a store, but did they come from God? Yes! It took plants that God made to make the cloth your clothes are made from. The wood our homes are made of come from God's trees. The metal in our stoves, refrigerators and cars all come from materials God created. The rugs and curtains in your homes and the paint and wallpaper all come from things God made; wood from trees, cotton from plants, wool from sheep and other things.

Our food...it all comes from God. You probably know that fruit and vegetables come from plants and trees that God made. What about other things like - ice cream? Do you think God made that? Most of us really like ice cream, but God didn't make an ice cream tree or plant, did He? Let's think of what ingredients are used to make ice cream. We need lots of milk and milk comes from cows. God made the cows! Eggs and sugar are in ice cream. God made hens that lay eggs and the sugar cane plant for sugar.

Sometimes, we forget that **everything** comes from God. Isn't God good and loving to give us so many good things?

TO TALK ABOUT: Ask student if they have questions about everything coming from God. Have them share about one special thing that they own. Close the story time with prayer giving students a chance to thank God for the special thing they mentioned. You close the prayer, thanking God for His great love for us and giving us so many wonderful things that we enjoy.

5 MEMORY VERSE

The Lord is abounding in faithful love.

Psalm 136

5 LESSON ACTIVITY

Have students draw the picture on their worksheet. They may draw more hearts if they wish.

7 CRAFT - Ice Cream Cones

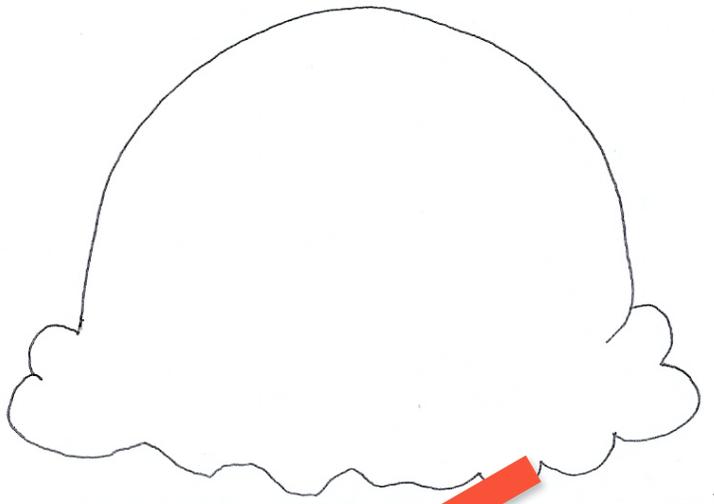
Give each student a cone pattern for each student on light brown construction paper. Draw a number of ice cream patterns on colored construction paper that represents different flavors of ice cream. Each child will need 2 ice cream patterns. Flavors could be vanilla, chocolate, strawberry, mint, blue bubble gum, and peach.

You may need to cut out the cones and ice cream for students before class, depending on student's ability.

Since most children love ice cream, we will make ice cream cones to illustrate God's love in giving us so many good things. Give each student a cone drawing to cut out. Have students choose 2 ice cream flavors that are the same or 2 flavors that are different. Have students cut out their 2 flavors they have chosen. Help them glue the first dip of ice cream to the front side of the cone, and the second to the front of the first dip. Students can put a heart sticker on the top of the last dip to represent a cherry.

Next, help them write the words, "God is full of Love" as shown on the illustration. They may decorate the cone with heart stickers if they wish.

OPTIONAL: Instead of making the above paper ice cream cones, bring ice cream and cones to class and serve your student reminding them that the treat represents God's gifts to us.



SAMPLE

