

K1 Race – LOVE – Week 4 Skit

Definition: Love is...

Verse: 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8A(NIV) – “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails!”

Week 4 (2/28): Knowing God loves us helps us love others

Main Scripture: 1 Samuel 20 (David & Jonathan)

Other Scriptures: 1 John 4:7-12

Characters:

- Splash – Fish puppet
- Pat/Patty – The pig from last week

Props:

**Outdoor scene*

- Blue sheet to make it look like fish is in a pond
- Water gun or squirt bottle

At Home Suggestions:

- Choose an area in or around your house for the stage. This week is set by a pond, get creative and try using a pool or a bathtub for staging.
- Splash is back...which mean get that sock puppet back out, too!
- Whoever plays Patty, wear as much pink as you can so you can look like a pig.
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Helpful Hints:

- Stage directions (what the characters are intended to do or how they are intended to act) are written in *ITALICS*.
- Read through the story of King David and Jonathan’s friendship. Review what you’ve learned about God’s love over the past month!

Splash: *(We see puppet doing flips above pond, singing/humming)*
Splish, splash I was taking a bath *(keeps humming tune)* A rub
dub, just relaxin' in my giant tub *(keeps humming as Patty walks*
in singing over Splash's tune)

Patty: *(Singing, melancholy, dramatically comes in and lies*
across stage) It's a hard know life for meeeeeeee. It's a hard
knock life...for ME, uggghhhhh

Splash: *(Looking over at Patty)* Um, hello there...Everything ok?

Patty: *(Still lying on the ground)* Big sigh *(actually say those*
words)...

Splash: Oh no... a big sigh? What's going on, my friend?

Patty: I've got trouble with a capital T and that rhymes with J
and that stands for, Johnny the Donkey.

Splash: Well, T doesn't actually rhyme with J...

Patty: *(Interrupting/continuing/getting louder)* And I've
journeyed long and far across the farm to see the wisest pond
dweller of them all, Splash the Fish! Can you help me, aquatic
creature?!

Splash: Woah...big words...But yes, I can help you. That's me!
I'm Splash the Fish!

Patty: REALLY?! Oh my! It's a pleasure to meet you, Splash!
(Goes to shake his fin) I've heard so much about you from
Maxine!

Splash: Oh, Maxine is a good friend! So, what's your name?

Patty: I'm Patty the Pig. Maxine and I actually came by to see
you last week, but your sign said, "Gone Fishin'" How was that,
by the way?

Splash: Really great. Got to have a lot of conversations about
God's love for us with so many other...uh, aquatic creatures you
could call 'em! So, what can I do for you, Patty?

Patty: Oh! Right...well, speaking of God's love for us... that's
kinda what I'm here to talk to you about.

Splash: Fun! Talking to others about God's love is my favorite. What's on your mind?

Patty: Well, last week, when Maxine and I came to visit you, she told me all about how God loves me no matter what! That was actually pretty great to hear. Then we read that verse from 1 Corinthians 13 you put on the back of your fishing sign, and I learned about what love is and what love is *not*...

Splash: Mmmhmmm...and what'd you think about that?

Patty: When I heard that love isn't rude or self-seeking, it made me think I needed to go apologize to my sister for eating all of her roast beef sandwiches. I was pretty nervous about it, but Maxine told me that knowing God loves me helps me trust His word. And she even went with me to talk to my sister.

Splash: That's great, Patty! How'd that go?

Patty: It went great! My sister forgave me, and we got to talk all about how God loves her too! I tell you what ever since Maxine started moo-ing around about what you taught her about God's love...things have been looking up around the farm. Did you know that Maxine and Ralph the barn cat are even friends now?

Splash: I did know that! Ralph was actually down here earlier today. But, Patty, you mentioned Johnny the Donkey...if things are going so great... what's going on that's giving you trouble?

Patty: Johnny is what's going on. He's such a pain! I know that's not a very nice thing to say... but that's actually the *real* reason I'm here...

Splash: Johnny is the real reason you're here?

Patty: Yeah...He's always stomping around being loud, bragging about how much smarter he is than all the other animals, and telling everyone that he's the farmer's favorite because he does most of the work. Anyway...I know I've been learning a lot about what love is and how to show God's love to others...I mean, that's why I went home and apologized to my sister, who was so nice to me! But Johnny...he's another story...

Splash: Patty...are you maybe wondering if there's something in God's word about NOT loving those who are mean to us?

Patty: YES! It's like you read my mind! C'mon Splash, can you help a little piggy out? Maxine said you're the expert on God's word, so I'm counting on you!

Splash: I've got an idea. How about we read straight from God's word to find out? *(Pulls out iPhone and holds above pond like he's reading from it)*

Patty: Sounds like a plan to me! *(Notices phone)* Hey! How is that thing working under water?

Splash: I get that question a lot...waterproof case. Pretty handy. So, let's start with, Matthew 5:44, *(clears throat)* "But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!" *(Turns head to look at Patty)*

Patty: Nope... not helpful. Got anything else?

Splash: Alright, let's try Luke 6:27-28, "But to you who are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you."

Patty: Still not quite what I'm looking for, Splash...

Splash: Ok, how about 1 John 4:7-8? "Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love."

Patty: I'll be honest, Splash, this isn't really going how I hoped it would.

Splash: I had a feeling you might say that, Patty. Here's the thing, trusting and obeying God's word isn't always fun and easy...sometimes it's really, really hard...like being kind to others who aren't being very kind to us. But that's why we remember how God first loved us. **When we remember how much God loves us, it helps us love others.**

Patty: So you're telling me, **knowing God loves us not only helps us trust His word...but it also helps us...love others?** Which is what he tells us to do...in His word...*(realizing)* oh man...

Splash: Exactly. Do you know why God wants us to love others, even our enemies? (*Patty shakes her head*) Because it shows other people what God is like! He sent His son Jesus to die for us while we were still sinners. That means while we were thinking, saying, and doing things that don't please God, He still loved us and made a way for us to be forgiven if we believe in Jesus and what He did for us on the cross!

Patty: So, when I love others....my friends...and my enemies too...God uses me to show them what He's like... and how He loves them?

Splash: You got it. But it all starts with knowing God loves you... When you remember that, it helps you love others the way He calls you to.

Patty: Well, Splash, I admit... this wasn't what I was hoping to hear. But, now that I think about it... there have been a lot of times that I wasn't very kind to others, but they chose to be kind and love me even though I didn't deserve it. Wow... I'm really thankful for that.

Splash: That's good to remember, Patty! You know, there's a story in God's word about two guys named Jonathan and David. Jonathan was the son of Israel's first king, King Saul, and he should have been next in line to be king himself...But guess what? God chose someone else...David...to be the next King of Israel's instead...because of Saul's disobedience.

Patty: NO WAY... was Jonathan so jealous of David? I think I would have been...

Splash: No, actually, he wasn't. Instead, Jonathan and David were best friends!

Patty: (*Snort*) BEST FRIENDS?! You gotta be kidding me...are you sure that's a true story?!

Splash: Sure is...it's in the Bible, the written word of God! Both Jonathan and David knew God loved them and they loved God. So...despite all the things that could have made them enemies, they loved each other and were the best of friends! I'll have to tell you the rest of the story another time...but for now... what do you think you should do about Johnny the Donkey?

Patty: I think...(sighs) I think I should pray and ask God to help me love him. Because I know I need God's help to do that.

And...after all, God made Johnny and...God loves Johnny, too. So, I know God can help me show God's love to Johnny by being kind to him...like you said...**knowing God loves me helps me love others**. Does that sound alright?

Splash: Patty! Yes! Praying is a GREAT start because we really can't do anything without God's help! I'll be sure to pray for you, too, and ask you how things are going with Johnny when you come to visit again. I find that having friends ask me about things helps me actually follow through with what God has called me to.

Patty: Hey, thanks, Splash, I appreciate it. Maxine was right, you are a good friend. *(Starts to walk away and turns back)* Hey, should we have a secret handshake?

Splash: 100 percent. There's one I've always wanted to try from my favorite movie... it goes like this, Fin! *(Slap fin/"hoof")* Noggin! *(Patty knocks heads with Splash)* Duuuuude! *(Both say at the same time - like Nemo)*

Patty: YES! I like it. Alright, see ya later, Splash!

Splash: See ya later, dude!