

K1 Race – LOVE – Week 1 Skit

Definition: Love is patient, kind and lasts forever.

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 1: God’s faithful love endures forever

Main Scripture: Psalm 136

Other Scriptures:

Characters:

- Maxine – Cow
- Splash – Fish puppet

Props:

- 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.
- Choose a long colorful sock for the fish puppet; if you have a pair to spare...maybe try gluing on some googly eyes!
- Whoever plays Maxine, wear clothes that are black and white so you can look like a cow.

Helpful Hints:

- Stage directions (what the characters are intended to do or how they are intended to act) are written in *ITALICS*.
- Take time reading through Psalm 136 together after you perform the skit. Have your kiddo count how many times it says, “God’s faithful love endures forever.”

Maxine comes on stage, Splash hidden in pond

Maxine – Moo (*looking around*) Moo (*looking around*) Oh good, I lost him. Phew! (*Heads over to pond*) Splash, Splash...you in there? Oh man, of all days. I’ve walked all the way across the farm to see him...Splash, Splash (*turns head so he’s not looking at pond*)

Splash - (*Pops up, squirts Maxine*)

Maxine - Woah! You got me!

Splash - Sure did, (*chuckles*) I'm such a sneaky fish...What's up Maxine?

Maxine - Aw...nothing. I could just really use a friend.

Splash - Splash the fish is at your service. What's on your mind?

Maxine - Well, I ran into Ralph, you know, the barn cat. And it just seems like he always has something unkind to say to me. And then I lost my favorite cow bell... And then I stubbed my hoof!

Splash - Aw, that is a tough day. How are you feeling?

Maxine - Well...Ralph's words make me feel sad. Losing my favorite cow bell makes me feel worried cause how will the farmer remember me if he can't hear me in the pasture? And on top of it all, my hoof just huuurtssss (*limping, holding hoof, make this funny*)

Splash - I'm sorry, Maxine. But I'm glad you knew you could come see me! You can *always* come down to the pond for a friendly visit and to get a drink of water. I'm happy to be your friend and remind you that you're loved! But guess what? You don't have to walk that far to be with a friend who loves you.

Maxine - I don't? Oh...you mean Farmer McDonald.

Splash - Well, Farmer McDonald does love you, and he's a good friend too. But I was thinking of someone even better - GOD!

Maxine - God?

Splash - Yes, God! He's the best friend we could ever have. I mean, His love is perfect! His **love is patient and kind**. And guess what else?

Maxine - His love is better than ice cream?

Splash - Well, that is certainly true. But even better...**God's faithful love endures forever!**

Maxine - God's faithful love endures forever?

Splash - Yep. It means that God loves us with a never stopping, never giving up, unbreakable, always and forever love!

Maxine - How do you know that, Splash?

Splash - Because the Bible, which *is* the written Word of God, tells us so!

Maxine - Wait you can read? That's really cool! But (*looking into the pond*) how do you read underwater?

Splash - I got a waterproof iPhone case for my birthday. Now I can read the Bible app anytime I want. It's pretty awesome. You know what else is awesome?

Maxine - Cupcakes.

Splash - Right you are, Maxine, but I was thinking more about how God PROVED His faithful love endures forever in the most awesome way ever.

Maxine - How'd He do that?

Splash - Get this, God loves us so much, that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die for our sins, the things we think say and do that don't please God.

Maxine - God's Son died for us?

Splash - He sure did. A perfect sacrifice for a perfect God. Jesus paid what we could not. But the story doesn't end there. Jesus beat death by coming back to life 3 days later!

Maxine - No way? Back to life...that's amazing!

Splash - Yea! It's all true, Maxine! And God tells us that when we believe Jesus died and rose again for us, that He forgives us and makes us part of His family forever. You see? God's love never fails.

Maxine - (*Thoughtful*) God's faithful love endures forever.

Splash - You got it. You know, Maxine, I have bad days too sometimes, when things just don't seem to be going my way, and I start feeling pretty lonely.

Maxine - Really, Splash?

Splash - Yep, everyone feels that way from time to time. But when I feel sad and alone, I stop and remember that God sees me, He hears me, He loves me, and He has a plan for me. And then I like to read

Psalm 136 that tells me, "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever."

Maxine - Hey! That's what you just told me, Splash!

Splash - Exactly! I got it straight from the Bible.

Maxine - Gee, I sure am glad I came to see you today, Splash. You're a good friend.

Splash - Thanks, Maxine. You are too!

Maxine - And you know what? This news is too good to keep to ourselves. I think we should spread the word. I want everyone on the farm to know that...**God's faithful love endures forever.**

Splash - Fantastic! I've got the water animals covered.

Maxine - Okay. I'll tell the land dwellers... and... I'm even going to tell Ralph the barn cat.

Splash - That's a great plan, Maxine! Let me know how it goes!

Splash flips back into the pond as Maxine runs off stage