

K1 Race – LOVE – Week 2 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 2: God loves you no matter what

Main Scripture: Luke 15:11-32 (Lost Son)

Other Scriptures: Romans 5:8, John 3:16

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 Jesus’ parable in Luke 15:11-32 together. Ask your kiddo if they feel more like the older son or the younger son and remind them that **God loves them no matter what.**
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Maxine anxiously comes on stage, Splash hidden in pond

Maxine - Splash, Splash...you in there?

Splash - *(Jumps up and squirts him)* Hahaha!

Maxine - *(A little down, but glad to see him)* Woah, you got me! Have you been watching those Sea World videos again?

Splash - They just never get old, you know?

Maxine - I understand. That's how I feel about Chick-fil-a. So, what are you up to?

Splash - Oh, just doing my laps.

Maxine - Oh yeah, any faster than yesterday?

Splash - Yep! Beat my personal record by half a second!

Maxine - Way to go, Splash...

Splash - *(Noticing Max is a little down)* Wait a second... I'm picking up that's something isn't quite right. You ok, Maxine? What's wrong?

Maxine - Well...it's maybe, sorta, kinda something about that whole going around and telling others about how God's faithful love endures forever...

Splash - Alright! How's it been going?

Maxine - About that...well...

Splash - *(Sprays Maxine)* Out with it, Maxine.

Maxine - Alright, alright. So, I was running around telling everybody how much God loves them. And it was going so well! The sheep were so happy they started singing in a baaarber shop quartet, the other cows started dancing like they were in a moooooosical, even the horses started galloping to the beat of Jesus Loves Me...

Splash - Well, that all sounds like good news, Maxine?!

Maxine - Yeah...but then...I ran into Ralph the barn cat. I was excited to see him at first. But he started picking on my spots again. So...instead of telling him that God loves him...well, I told him...that I didn't like his tail.

(Getting upset) Oh no! Splash, what have I done?

Splash - There, there Maxine. It will be alright.

Maxine - But that was just too big and too awful. I've totally messed things up.

Splash - Well, it may not have been your best move. But listen...**God loves you no matter what!**

Maxine - What? Really?

Splash - Of course! God STILL loves you even though you responded in an unkind way to Ralph.

Maxine - He does? Are you sure?

Splash - Absolutely! In fact, God still loves you when you disobey Farmer Brown and stay out of the barn a little bit late. Or when you eat your sister's hay when she's not looking...

Maxine - I didn't think anyone knew about that...

Splash - Welp, **God loves you no matter what!** There is nothing you could do to make God love you any less.

Maxine - How can you be so sure?

Splash - Because God tells us so in His word! Get this, Jesus tells us a story in the Bible about this very thing... it's about a boy, who represents us, and his dad, who represents God...

Maxine - Okay...so, what happened in this story that Jesus told?

Splash - Well, it starts with the boy going to his dad and telling him, 'I don't want to be your son anymore. I want to run away and go to a place where I can do what I want. And I want the money you set aside for me when you die.'

Maxine - Oh dear. That doesn't sound so good.

Splash - Nope. But the dad did what his son asked, and off the boy went...spending all of his money, buying whatever he wanted. Well, one day his money ran out. He was starving, and he didn't have anywhere to live or any food to eat.

Maxine - Oh man, this story just keeps getting worse and worse!

Splash - Finally, the boy decided to go back home to his dad. He thought he could work for him as a servant, and at least then he would have food to eat.

Maxine - I bet his dad didn't want to see him.

Splash - Actually...it was the exact opposite. His dad was so excited to see his son coming home, that he ran out to hug him and kiss him. And then, he threw a huge party and invited everyone to celebrate that his son had come home.

Maxine - No way?! That's unbelievable. The dad really did that?

Splash - Sure did! Now...do you remember how I said that the dad represents God and the son represents us?

Maxine - Yep...okay, wait a minute...so you're telling me the story Jesus told about how the dad felt when his son came home...is how God feels about us???...Even when we mess up?

Splash - Maxine! You got it! When we mess up...when we turn our back on him and think we can do things better our way...God still loves us. Now, that doesn't mean we should just go around making bad choices on purpose. But it does

remind us that even when we do make mistakes, God wants us to come back to Him. Because God loves us no matter what.

Maxine - Thanks for telling me that, Splash. I feel better. It gives me courage to go do what I need to do - apologize to Ralph. And...I'm going to tell him that God loves him, too, no matter what!

Splash - Great idea, Maxine! Come back and tell me how it goes!

Maxine - Will do! Have a good swim, Splash! Bye!

Splash flips into pond as Maxine exits stage

SFX: What the World Needs Now