

LOVE – Week 3 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 3: Knowing God loves us helps us trust His Word

Main Scripture: 2 Chronicles 34 (Josiah’s reforms)

Other Scriptures: Deuteronomy 6:4-5, 7:9, 10:12

Characters:

- Maxine – Cow
- Pat/Patty - Pig

Props:

- Gone Fishin’ Sign hanging outside of pond
- 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 out fishing this week...make sure you make a sign for him, include the verse Matthew 4:19 on it.
- Whoever plays Patty, wear as much pink as you can so you can look like a pig. Don’t forget to complete the look with an Arby’s sandwich!
- 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*.
- Read through the story of Josiah with your kiddo after the skit; talk through some of your favorite verses from God’s Word that help you love God and others more.

Maxine and Pat/Patty walk on stage towards Splash’s pond. They eventually see a “Gone Fishin’” sign signaling Splash’s absence. Memory verse is on the other side of the sign.

Pat/Patty: *(Like she's in the middle of a story)* So basically, that's what happened...my sister went to the market and I stayed home. But when she came back with an Arby's sandwich for herself and not for me?? Well, I thought...I'll show her, and *(snort/oink like you're gobbling up a meal)* I took the sandwich from the fridge and ate it all by myself. HA! Which little piggy had roast beef and which little piggy had none now, ya know what I'm saying? *(Snort/oink laugh)*

Maxine: Oh dear...

Patty: Dear? Like Bambi? He said he and Thumper were going to come by later for a four-square tournament. I call Thumper being on my team...

Maxine: Oh no, not Bambi. I was just wondering...have you and your sister talked about you eating all the food she brought home?

Patty: What's there to talk about?! That's the way we pigs do things. It's like a competition of who can be the loudest, messiest, and fullest at all times. And let me tell you, I'm awesome at all three of those things.

Maxine: Well, it's good to know your strengths, I suppose...

Patty: Oh no, no strength. I don't really like doing any heavy lifting. I leave that kind of stuff to the horses around here.

Maxine: Right...

Patty: So, tell me, Maxine, where is this fish I've heard you talking about? Spot, right?

Maxine: Splash. And we're super close! In fact, that's his pond right there!

Patty: Alright! I'm exhausted. We've been walking for 5 whole minutes. That's enough cardio for one day. *(Lays down and starts snoring)*

Maxine: Patty? Patty, wake up!

Patty: *(Snorts/jolts awake)* The dog ate my homework!

Maxine: Did you really just fall asleep that fast? That took, like, 3 seconds...

Patty: What can I say? It's a gift.

Maxine: Anyway, we're here! Splash is the one who taught me all about how God's faithful love endures forever, and that God loves us no matter what. (*Starts "nerding out" about God's love*) God's love for us never changes, that means, even when we make mistakes...God doesn't love us any less...but you know what else? Even when we do things that please Him...it doesn't make Him love us more...get it? Like...GOD knows all the bad and all the good about us...and still loves us the same! Ah, I just love love...

Patty: (*Has been trying to interpret her, as she is nerding out, finally is able to get a word in, kinda looking at her like she's crazy*)...Right, you were telling me that earlier...and that's what you told Ralph the barn cat before you became friends? (*Maxine nods excitedly*) Sounds like something you're really excited about...but I don't get it. What does God's love for you have anything to do with you and Ralph suddenly being nice to each other?

Maxine: Good question! After I learned that God's faithful love endures forever, I wanted to tell everyone so that they would know too. I even wanted to tell Ralph...but...well...we ended up not being very nice to each other. But Splash told me another story from the Bible, and that's when I learned God loves me no matter what! And well, that's when I thought...well...that must mean He loves Ralph no matter what, too! So, I went and apologized to him.

Patty: Wait...why? What made you think that you needed to apologize?

Maxine: Well, Pat...**knowing God loves me helps me trust His word.**

Patty: What do you mean **knowing God loves you helps you trust His word**? Did the Bible tell you to apologize?

Maxine: Yeah, I've learned the Bible talks a lot about loving and forgiving others the way God loves and forgives me. Now that I know God loves me, when I see that He asks me to do something, even if it's scary or hard, like apologizing to someone, I believe that it's for the best because I know God wants what's best for me.

Patty: Huh...so, that's how you and Ralph became friends?

Maxine: Yep. It was awesome. Ralph was pretty shocked when I apologized to him. He said that had never happened before. And THEN he wanted to know more about God. So, I told him what I had been learning, and he was so excited to hear that God loved him, too! Then, right then and there, he asked ME for forgiveness. I mean, it doesn't always work out that way, but I'm glad it did with Ralph. He's actually pretty funny once you get to know him.

Patty: Really? That's...kinda awesome...Maxine. So... do you think God loves me no matter what, too?

Maxine: ABSOLUTELY. Here, Splash can tell you more! He's the best at it. *(Leaning over pond)* Splash, Splash...you in there?

Patty: Umm, Maxine? I think he's gone fishing.

Maxine: *(Still looking into the pond)* What? He's a fish. That doesn't make any sense. Besides, how do you know?

Patty: *(Pointing to sign)* Here's your sign.

Maxine: Weird... *(Reads sign)* **GONE FISHIN' "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men" - Matthew 4:19(Or in my case, more fish)...**OOHHHH...he must be out telling people about God's love right now!!!

Patty: Like what you were doing? *(Maxine nods)* Why do y'all do that, Maxine?

Maxine: *(Very excited)* Because it's such good news, Pat! Plus, God's word tells us too!!!

Patty: Ohhhhh yea...and you said **knowing God loves you helps you trust His word...**right? *(Noticing the back of the sign)* Hey! There's something on the other side!

Maxine: *(Flipping the sign over, reads memory verse)* "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!"

Patty: Dude. That's beautiful *(sniffs)*. Where's that from?

Maxine: The Bible! It's from 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a...what do you think about that verse, Patty? Anything stick out?

Patty: Um...well...I think maybe... I want to go home ask my sister for forgiveness for eating all of her food. That was pretty rude and self-seeking of me...and God says that's NOT what love is. And I do love my sister! I just...had no idea that God loved ME so much... Maxine...and I don't know how to explain it...but it makes me want to do what He says is best. *(understanding what Maxine taught her)* WOAH!!!

Maxine: See...isn't God's love INCREDIBLE Patty?! Look how God's love is changing both of us! Want me to go with you to talk to your sister?

Patty: Really? You would do that? That would be great.

Maxine: Of course! C'mon let's go! We'll come back and visit Splash another time.

Patty: (Deep breath) Ok... let's go!

Both exit