

WEEK 4 LESSON GUIDE



BIG IDEA

Love always needs action.

BIBLE

The Rich Man and Lazarus: Luke 16:19–31;
1 John 4:7–21

From retro toys to fashion trends, we all love a good throwback. (Especially for grown-ups because it reminds us of being young again.) There are things that remind us of a moment in time, but other things feel timeless and like they're always in style. In this four-week series, kids will travel through the decades and see that the teachings of Jesus in the Gospels are always trending. As we hear from Jesus, we'll see **it's always good to be humble, we can always forgive, Jesus is always fair, and love always needs action.**

What it is, my friends? Welcome back to Throwback! This is our final week of going back in time and seeing that the things Jesus taught are always trending because Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever! This week, we'll make one more groovy trip way, way, back to the 70's — the decade of peace and love! It's gonna be *far out!*

POLL | How I Feel Loved

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Hold up a "peace sign" (or "V") if you agree that you would feel loved if you were the recipient of the action you read below.
- **How do you know that someone loves you? Which of these actions will make you feel loved?**
 - They give you food.
 - They write you a card with hearts on it.
 - They help you when you need it.
 - They buy you chocolate or candy.
 - They take care of you when you're sick.
 - They share their things with you.
 - They listen to you.
 - They give you a flower.
 - They clean up for you.
 - They stick up for you.
 - They spend time with you.
 - They make you laugh.
 - They give you hugs.

BIBLE STORY | Watch the Bible Story from the online lesson from **Luke 16:19-31.**

DISCUSSION

• SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS

- **How differently did the rich man and Lazarus live?** *The rich man lived in luxury and wealth, and Lazarus lived at the rich man's gate begging for scraps.*
- **Where did Lazarus go after he died? What about the rich man?** *Lazarus went to be by Abraham's side — a kind of paradise — and the rich man went to Hades — a place of torment.*
- **What did the rich man ask Abraham?** *He asked for a drop of water and to send someone to warn his family.*

• APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- **What is one thing we do to show we love God?** *We can love others through actions.*
- **When might it be hard to show love to someone?**
- **What are some neat things you can do to show someone you love them?**

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SCRIPTURE | 1 John 4:7-21

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Read 1 John 4:7-21.
- Look at the 70s fashion styles below.
- It's been cool doing a little bit of time-traveling to the 70's! None of you were actually around in the 70's, but you know about them based on the things you've seen.
- In the same way, nobody has seen God but they can in a way when they see God's love living in us. This passage tells us that love comes directly from God because God is love. We know how to love because God showed us how to love first.
- We can choose to show love to others through our actions. When others see us being kind, compassionate, patient, forgiving, and helping, they are able to see a glimpse of what God is like! On the flip side, when we don't love and act in very unloving ways, we are acting as though we don't know God at all. We're not letting others get to know God through us.
- **Love always needs action!**



PRAYER

- Jesus, thank you for always being the same. You love us so much and you showed us this by coming to earth and dying on the cross. Help us to show our love for you and for the people in our lives — not just with words, but with actions. Amen.

ACTIVITY OPTION #1 | ACTIVITY OPTION #1 | Boogie Bracelets

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Find some string, pony beads, [smiley face beads](#), and [other charms](#) to make a 70's-style [beaded bracelet](#). Make one as a gift as well.
- Before we peace out of the 70's, let's make a little memento to remember what we learned today. **What words, colors, or symbols will remind you that love always needs action?**

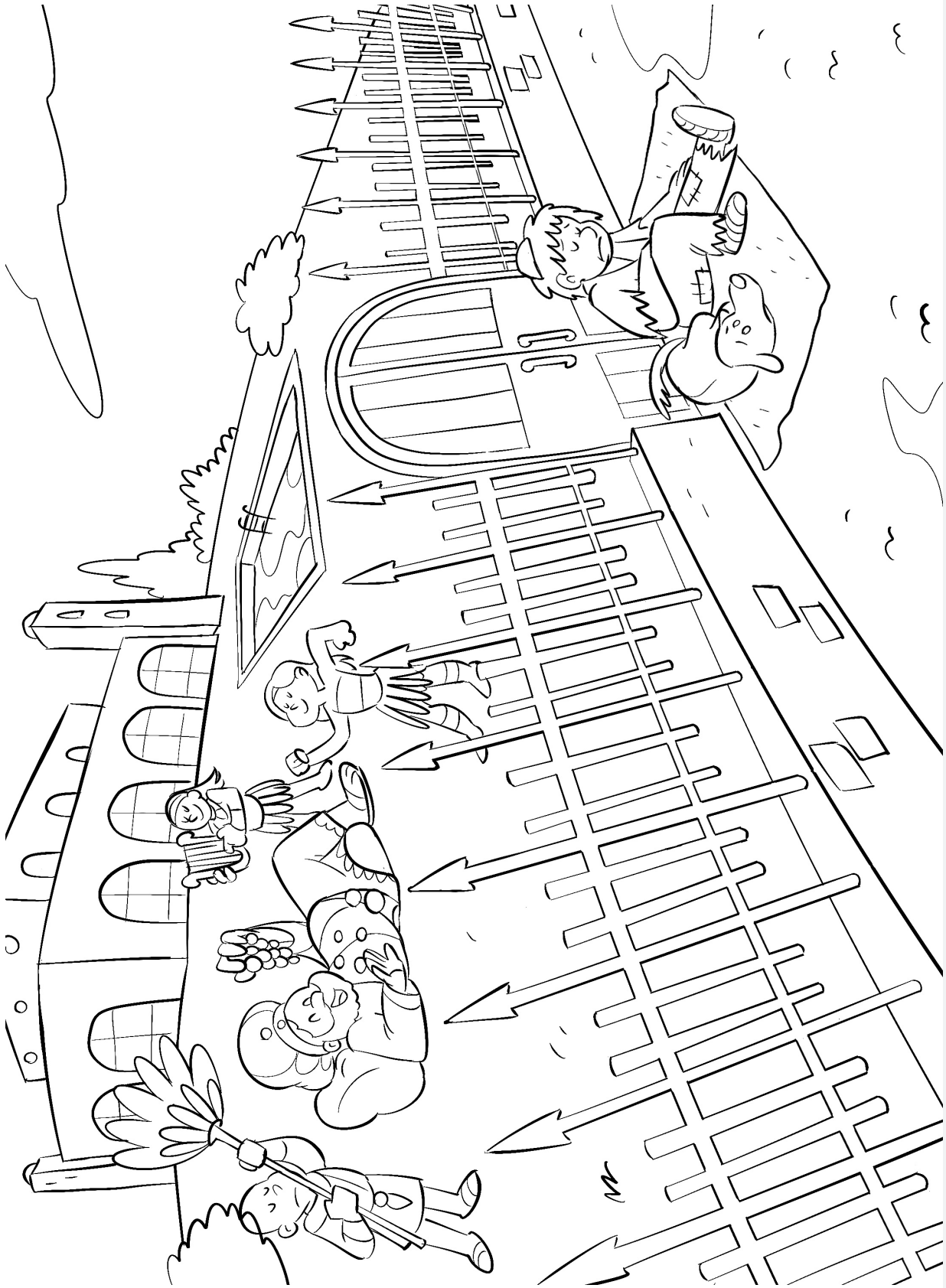
ACTIVITY #2 | Bible Story or Memory Verse Printable

Print either or both the Bible Story and Memory Verse Printable. This will help remind you of the Big Idea for today and also our monthly memory verse.

MEMORY VERSE | Hebrews 13:8 (NIV)

- **"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."**

INSTRUCTIONS: Practice this month's memory verse with the signs (a combination of SEE and ASL) by watching the video from the Proclaim presentation (or from the device in your room's document saved feature).



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