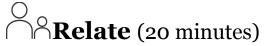


Lesson 1: "A Healthy Club"

3-5 In-Person Crew Club Plan

Key Teaching Point	A healthy heart and a healthy crew club have healthy relationships with God and with others.
Materials	 A Bible A tissue for the skit A sheet of poster board or chart paper, cut in the shape of a heart A marker to write on the poster/chart paper Handout 1, one copy Image 1, one colored copy Image 2, one colored copy
Bible Passage	"Do to others as you would like them to do to you." Luke 6:31 (NLT)



Welcome crew members with a snack.

Distribute name tags and snacks. Choose one of the following icebreaker activities to do together while children eat their snack:

<u>Icebreaker Options</u> (Choose <u>one</u>.):

- Ask children to share their highs and lows (the best and worst things that happened to them either today or from the past week).
- Let children take turns sharing how they're feeling today using the "How Are You Feeling?" chart (from the CKC Games Bag).
- As the children are eating, ask, "What healthy foods do you like to eat? Why is eating healthy food important?"



Build relationships.

Two Truths and a Lie

Tell students that they will need to prepare two statements that are true about themselves and one statement that is a lie. Give students a minute or two to come up with their two truths and a lie. Start the game by choosing one of the students to share their two truths and a lie, and let the other students guess which statement is a lie. Play the game until every student has a chance to share their two truths and a lie.

Play a game.

"What's Your Name?" Workout

Ask, "What do you do to be healthy?"

Take student responses.

There are a lot of things we can do to be healthy! One thing we do to keep our bodies healthy is exercise. We're going to exercise together now!

Place a copy of Handout 1 where everyone in your group can see. Tell them to find the letters in their name and complete the physical activities for each letter. Then students should partner up and do the physical exercises that spell out the letter of another crew member's name. If time allows, students can partner up several times to get to know each other's names.



Hear God's Word.

In this skit, the content captain could play the role of the doctor and the communication captain could play the role of the patient or enlist the help of 2 children to perform the skit. Prepare your crew members for the interactive element of the skit by telling them they are the "sound-effects team." Children will respond to the patient with "OH, NO!"

Cues for audience sound effects are included in the script.

This skit is called "The Patient with 1,000 Problems." Pay attention to when the patient stops speaking, and be sure to yell, "OH, NO!"

Doctor: Welcome to your check-up! What seems to be going on with

your health?

Patient: Woe is me! I have 1,000 problems! I am the unhealthiest



person alive!

Audience: **OH, NO!**

Doctor: Well, let's take it one thing at a time. I'm going to start

examining you, and you can tell me what is bothering you. (Doctor begins to examine the patient, checking ears, throat, heart, etc.)

Patient: Well, for one, I can't seem to stop coughing. And I have a

runny nose. I've gone through 25 boxes of tissues just this

week blowing my nose.

Audience: **OH**, **NO**!

Doctor: (Hands patient a tissue.) **And what else?**

Patient: Then there are the sneeze attacks.

Audience: **OH**, **NO**!

Doctor: Let me see, I can prescribe you some cold medicine.

Patient: That's nice of you and all, but that won't help my aching back.

(Holds back and GROANS)

Audience: **OH, NO!**

Doctor: How long has your back been bothering you?

Patient: Basically since about the same time I stepped on a nail and

hurt my foot. That really hurt! I screamed, OUCH!

Audience: **OH, NO!**

Doctor: Hmm, I have a bandage we can use to wrap your foot....So,

let me make sure I've got my notes right here, COUGHING, RUNNY NOSE, SNEEZING, BACK PAIN, and a PAINFUL gouge

in your foot-

Patient: Hold on, Doc, I'm feeling QUEASY. My stomach's been

rumbling since breakfast.

Audience: **OH, NO!**

Doctor: There's a restroom right – (Patient quickly runs off stage holding

their stomach and groaning.)



Wow, I hope no one here has experienced a visit to the doctor quite like that! Doctors help us take care of our bodies so we stay healthy.

It is important to care for our bodies so that they are healthy, but it is also important to take care of our hearts so that they are healthy too!

Tell the children to place their hands on their heart.

Is this the heart that I am talking about? The heart beating inside your body?

Show the children the image of a human heart found in Handout 2.

What comes to mind when you see this picture of a heart? What does this heart mean?

Show the children the shape of a heart found in Handout 3 and take volunteer responses.

This heart reminds me of <u>love</u>. The kind of heart we will be talking about this year is the heart that causes every one of you to love, desire and feel. It is not the physical heart we have beating inside us but the heart that allows each one of us to love.

God created every one of us with a heart so that we can love God, love one another and feel and experience his love for us too! Just as doctors help us take care of our bodies to stay healthy, God takes care of our hearts so that our hearts can be healthy!

God shows us in his Word, the Bible, what it looks like to have a heart that is healthy.

Hold up a Bible for students to see.

That's what we are going to be learning this year—how God wants to make our <u>hearts</u> healthy so that we can have healthy relationships with him and with others.

Engage and explore the story.

Show students a Bible. Invite them to share anything they might already know about the Bible.



The Bible is a collection of books written many years ago by people who listened to the voice of God and communicated his words to us. These books teach us who God is and who we are, and all about his great love for us.

We refer to the Bible as God's Word. In Crossroads, we are here to learn God's Word. This year, we're going to be learning about the life and teachings of Jesus in the book of Luke.

Show students where the book of Luke is.

Let's learn a little more about who Jesus is!

Jesus is the son of God. He came from heaven to earth to share God's love with us. He lived a perfect life and has a perfectly healthy heart. Jesus loves you and me and he loves God too! When we receive his love, follow and trust in him, Jesus transforms our hearts to be more like his!

Next week, we will start hearing some stories from the book of Luke about Jesus, but this week, we are focusing on how to build a healthy crew club. That reminds me of an important command that Jesus gave and Luke writes about. It sums up how we can have healthy relationships with one another.

Look up and read Luke 6:31.

"Do to others as you would like them to do to you." (NLT)

Discuss:

- What does that mean?
- How does that affect the way we treat one another here in this club?

Another optional passage to look up: Colossians 3:12-14



Apply God's truth.

We're going to talk about how we can create a healthy Crossroads crew club.



What would a healthy crew club look like?

Take student responses.

What might happen if our crew club is not healthy?

Take student responses.

Creating a healthy crew club is important. Let's think of some ways we can commit to showing love and respect to God's Word and to one another this year.

Place a large sheet of paper or chart board cut in the shape of a heart where all the crew members can see it. Write <u>Our Crew Club Mission</u> on the top of the heart. Take student responses, and record the children's ideas on the heart.

Examples:

- Listen to the Bible story.
- Focus during prayer time.
- Participate in the discussion.
- Use kind words.
- Include everyone.
- Listen when someone is speaking.

Display the crew club mission in your meeting space for the rest of the year. Emphasize with your group that you need God's help and "all hands on deck" to accomplish this mission!

Sing and worship together.

Pick a song from the <u>Praise and Worship Guide</u>, or choose one of your own. Incorporate movement into the songs whenever possible.

Pray together.

Prayer is talking to God. Prayer is an important way to build a healthy relationship with God. God uses prayer as a way to make our hearts more like his and to grow us closer to him.

What are some things you'd like to say to God or ask him for now?

Pray over specific prayer requests and close in prayer together:

Dear God,



We are here at Crossroads because we want to be healthy inside and out. Help us make our club fun, welcoming and respectful so that we can all learn and grow together.

Amen.



Handout 1: What's Your Name? Workout





Image 1: Our Human Heart

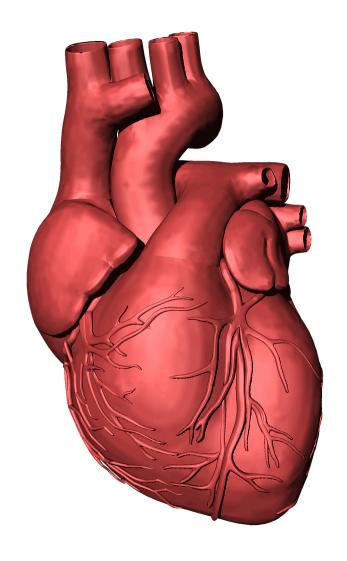


Image 2: Heart Emoji



