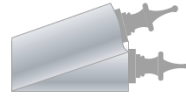




CHURCH EDUCATION

The Holy Bible  
The Book of Mormon



*'...and they shall become one in thine hand.'* Ezekiel 37.17

## LESSON TITLE

### Jesus' Assignment: Teaching People to Love

## UNIT 3 - Jesus Christ: Ministry and Salvation

**GRADES** Preschool - Kindergarten

## HOLY BIBLE

Luke 4:18, 19, "The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

## THE BOOK OF MORMON

3 Nephi 12:16, "Therefore let your light so shine before this people, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

## OBJECTIVES

Participants will be able to:

- Discover that Jesus came to teach us how to love one another, Matthew 5:9,42,44,45; Luke 4:18.
- Recognize examples of love.

## ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- Can you think of something that Jesus instructed people?
- Why does Jesus teach people to love one another?
- Can you think of how Jesus is a friend?
- Why is it good to be a friend?

## MATERIALS

Holy Bible (KJV) and Book of Mormon

**Video:** ["Jesus Taught Us How to Love One Another"](#) , 11:32 minutes.

**Task:** Face Plates, optional: 2 - 6" plain paper plates/child. Markers/ crayons.

**Object Lesson:** An item to share with each student, e.g. stickers, cookies, etc.

## TEACHER NOTES

30-minute lesson

To prepare for this lesson, study the scriptural references.

Q = Teacher asks question

**Note:** The Church of Jesus Christ uses the Authorized King James Version of The Holy Bible and The Book of Mormon published by The Church

## PROCEDURE

### Motivation/Introduction (3 minutes)

1. Guide students to understand the meaning of “assignment,” using everyday examples...

**Q.** Have your parents ever told you to do something like [fill in the blank]...

- [make your bed]?
- [pick up your toys]?
- [brush your teeth]?

When someone tells us to do something, it's called an assignment – a task to complete.

2. Introduce the assignment God gave to Jesus.

**Q.** There is a Father who lives in heaven. Can you tell us His name? (God)

**Q.** He has a Son, can you tell us His Son's name? (Jesus)

**Goals:** Discover that Jesus came to teach us how to love one another. Recognize examples of love.

### Lesson Development (20- 25 minutes)

1. Share an account of Jesus teaching people to love (Use Story Map if desired, or create your own story).
2. Students recognize examples of love...
  - a. Video: Watch Jesus Taught Us How To Love One Another. Tell students to stand and move to the music, and to sit during the story.
  - b. Task: Face Plates (See instructions below.
3. Discuss Essential Questions.
4. Object Lesson: Hand students items you brought to reinforce the concept of being a friend by sharing.

Key words: Jesus Christ, ministry, salvation

### Story Map: Jesus' Assignment - Teaching to Love

*Jesus is a great teacher and a great friend. Many years ago, when Jesus lived on the earth, He taught that God is good, and God is love. He instructed people to be like their Heavenly Father – to be good and to love. Jesus knew that loving God and loving one another makes us happy. Jesus spent all of His time teaching people how to be happy.*

*Jesus taught people to love by being a friend.*

**Q.** Can you tell me something that friends do?

*Jesus **shared** food with those who were hungry.*

*Jesus felt badly when people were sick, and **healed** them. Jesus was **kind** to everyone.*

*Jesus taught people to be kind, to help, and to share because that is being a friend. People who listened to Jesus became His friend. Being a friend to Jesus and to others makes one a child of God. Being a child of God is great.*

### Task: Face Plates Instructions

Preparation:

1. Hand each student two paper plates and markers/crayons.
2. Tell students to draw a smiley face on one plate and a frowning face on the other.

Play:

1. Tell students to place the plates face up on top of the table within reach.
2. Teacher says words that describe loving and unloving behaviors (e.g. sharing, helping, hitting, kindness, hugging, pushing, gentleness, etc.) and Tells students to think if the behavior “Makes God happy” or “Makes God sad.”
3. Tell students to pick up the face plate to shows their answer.