



## God's Love is Like a Boomerang

"Give and it will be given to you..."  
(Luke 6:38a).



### Object Lesson

For today's object lesson try to have a Boomerang available for the children to see. If you are unable to find one, make one out of sturdy cardboard to give the children the idea of what a boomerang looks like.

"Does anyone have any idea what this might be? It kind of looks like an old bone or maybe something that I could use out in the garage. It is actually a toy called a boomerang. It is like a frisbee, but when you throw it, it comes back to you. (If you have a real boomerang, take the children outside to see how it works.)

That reminds me of God's love. He gives us so much love that we can't hold it all in, so we have to share it with others. Can you think of some things that you can do to show someone God's love? (Give the children time to respond.) I love to help others when they are in need of some help, like holding the door for them when their hands are full. They will usually say, "Thank you," or give me a big smile. That makes my heart happy to know I helped someone. Who put that happiness in my heart? That's right, God did. I shared His love with someone, and He turned around and gave me more love to share with someone else.

Our Bible lesson today is about a woman who met Jesus at a drinking well. She did not know who Jesus was or how much he cared about her. Let's open the Bible and read how Jesus shared the love of His Heavenly Father with her and what she did with it.

## Children's Sermon

John 4: 4-32

By Brenda Carpenter

One day while Jesus was traveling He and his disciples went through a little town in Samaria. Not very many people would go through this town because they did not like the Samaritan people. Jesus knew this but loved them anyway. He was tired and thirsty from His long walk, so He stopped at a drinking well to rest.

Just after He sat down, a woman came to the well to draw some water. Jesus looked at her and said, "Will you give me a drink?" The woman was surprised that this man would talk to her. She looked at Him and said, "I am a Samaritan and you are a Jew. How can you ask me for a drink of water?" Jesus replied, "You do not know who is asking you for a drink, because if you did, you would have asked Him to give you a drink, and I would have given you living water."

What did he mean by "living water"? If she drank the water from the well, she would be thirsty again because it is only water. But if she took the water that He gave her, He would cause her to never be thirsty again. His love is like a well of water that never goes dry. As we give it away, he fills it up again and again and again, just like the boomerang.

Jesus told her that He was the Savior of the world. She instantly ran back to her home and began telling everyone about Him. They followed to meet Him and invite Him to stay and share more. All because one woman believed He was Jesus, many others came to believe too.



## Boomerang

(Words and Music by Mary Rice Hopkins)

(Boomerang...Boomerang  
God's love is like a boomerang  
Boomerang...Boomerang  
God's love is like a boomerang)

### (CHORUS)

God's love is like a boomerang  
You give it away it comes back again  
God's love is like a boomerang  
You give it away and it never ends

When I need a good example  
Of how God's love should be  
I open up the Bible  
And His love is plain to see  
There's ordinary people  
To get the job done  
His blessings come back around  
And I know just where they're from

### (Chorus)

To the well the woman came  
Hurting deep inside  
But Jesus knew her shame  
And He called her to His side  
He said your sins are many  
Then she knew He must be Lord  
And her new life was beginning  
When He said go sin no more

### (Chorus)

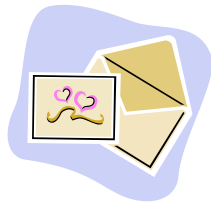
Joseph remained faithful  
Though his brothers weren't at all  
They were so jealous  
Of his coat and special call  
So they pushed him in a well  
But Joseph rose above  
He became a king to tell  
Of God's faithful love.

### (Chorus)

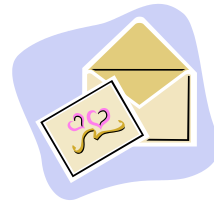
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## Snack Invitation ~ Art



For snack time today invite someone in your school, neighborhood, or church to join you. Make some very special invitation to pass out for this event.

### You Will Need:

- Paper
- Stickers
- Markers / Crayons
- Envelopes to match the paper size

Have fun and let the children be creative

## Show Someone You Care ~ Craft

We interact with so many people everyday in everything we do: going to the store, playing at the park, riding around our neighborhoods. How many times do we stop and tell them that Jesus loves them?

Today the children will get to make their own "tracts" to give to others with their parents.

### You Will Need:



- Post card size paper
- Markers / Crayons
- Stickers
- Scrap paper / Scissors / Glue



Show the children an example of a "tract" (just a little card that you can give someone to tell them about God's love). They can decorate their cards however they would like. Have the words pre-printed for the younger children "Jesus loves you and so do I."



## Jesus Loves You ~ Activity



(This activity will require the children to move around throughout the building with adult supervision.)

Have a basket filled with different types of chocolate Kisses or Hugs. As you walk through your building or neighborhood, find someone with whom to share the candies. When they give away their candies, have them say: "You may keep one candy for yourself, but you must give the other one away to someone else. When you give it away, be sure to say, "Jesus loves you and I do, too."

When you get back to the room, talk about how it felt to give something away. Did you want to keep the candies for yourself and not share? Did it make you feel good inside to make someone smile? What do you think God was doing while we were showing His love?

## Share with a Friend ~ Snack

Today have snack with a special friend. If you have a neighbor who may not have family around, another class in your school that may not have snack time, or an important person in your school that you can invite, use your invitations that you made in the art area to invite them to a special time with you.

Be sure to share God's love with them with a smile and a kind heart



## Closing Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, Our cups overflow with Your love and goodness. Help us to continue to share Your love with others so they know who You are and how much You love them.

Thank you for today and our lesson to continue to share Your love.

In Your Son's name, Amen.

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