

“EVERY SOUL MATTERS TO GOD” - LESSON 3

“What Can I Do?”

Main Focus:

YOU can demonstrate that
Every Soul Matters!



Power Verse:

“And the Good News about
the Kingdom will be preached
throughout the whole world, so that
all nations will hear it; and then the
end will come.” – Matthew 24:14



Whatchagaddaknow:

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LEADER’S INFO

Too many kids buy into the idea that
you have to “grow up” and become an
adult before you can really do anything
BIG for God! This is not true. The
Bible is full of great examples of young
people who made huge differences in
the world when they put their faith in
God.

When it comes to helping EVERYONE
know that Every Soul Matters to God,
kids can most definitely make a big
impact. They can PRAY for our
missionaries and for the lost souls
around the world. They can GIVE
money so that missionaries are able to
travel to other countries and do the
work of God. Then, when they are
older, they can GO to other countries.

But they don’t have to wait until they
are older to make an impact. They can
start NOW!



“The Spark” Intro Video

“What Can I Do?”



“Whatchagaddaknow” Video

Boudreaux teaches “Whatchagaddaknow”



Character Skit

“Ron D. Race”



Offering Time



Game Time!

“Stick and Roll”



Missions Story

“The Guardian Imam”



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Call To Action

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Rewind!

Review Game



Small Group Experience

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Lesson 3 Materials Needed:**“The Spark” Intro Video**

- “Lesson 3 - The Spark” Intro Video

“Whatchagaddaknow” Video

- “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video
- “Whatchagaddaknow” Trigger Video

Character Skit

- “Ron D. Race” Theme Graphic/Music
- Running clothes

Offering Time

- “Offering Time” Bumper Video

Game Time!

- “Game Time!” Bumper Video
- “Stick and Roll” Graphic
- 10 lint rollers
- A bag of ping pong balls

Missions Story

- “The Guardian Imam” Graphics

Power Verse Video

- “Lesson 3 Power Verse” Video

Call To Action

- “What Can I Do?” Graphics
- Money
- A world map with the word “SCHOOL” written on the back side

Rewind!

- “Rewind” Bumper Video
- “Rewind” Lesson 3 Graphics

Small Group Experience

- Missions Story Pictures
- Paper
- Markers, colored pencils, or crayons
- Pray, Give, Go Print Piece
- Pencils, crayons, or markers

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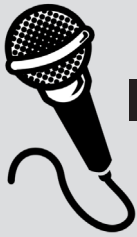
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Introduction to “The Spark” Intro Video

Leader: Hey, kids! Welcome back to our series, “EVERY SOUL MATTERS TO GOD!”

Have you ever had someone tell you that you were TOO YOUNG to do something? *(allow response)* Doesn't that just drive you crazy? Maybe you were too young to ride the roller coaster at the amusement park OR maybe you were too young to stay at home by yourself, so you had to have your older sister babysit you. THAT'S a bummer!

There are lots of times you may be told, “You're too young!” But there is one thing that I can guarantee you are NEVER too young to do - you are never too young to show others that Every Soul Matters to God! Today you are going to learn how you can make a BIG difference when it comes to showing others they matter to God. But before we get too far into our lesson, I want you to check out this video of our friend Damaris!

(play “The Spark - Intro Video Lesson 3”)

Leader: As Christians, we have a HUGE assignment from Jesus! It's our responsibility to spread the Gospel, or the news that Every Soul Matters to God, around the world! Today, you're going to learn a lot more about how you can do just that in your lesson! But right now, I want you to listen to our friend Boudreaux as he teaches you “Whatchagaddaknow.”

(play “Whatchagaddaknow” Video)



CHARACTER SKIT

Character: “Ron D. Race” *(an excited runner who is a bit confused about the difference between “soul” and “sole”)*

RON: *(comes out dressed in running clothes, jogging around the leader)* Oh yeah! Uh-huh! You know Ron D. Race is in this place!

Leader: *(dizzy)* Woah, Ron! Stop, please. I’m getting DIZZY!

RON: *(stops next to leader)* Hey, you look GREEN! ILL.... *(steps away)* You gonna toss your cookies?

Leader: *(holds own head; recovers)* No, I think I’m good. Man, you sure are an energetic guy! What do you eat for breakfast?

RON: You are right. Ron D. Race is ENERGETIC. I do everything I can to be Ron Ron the Running Man! My secret breakfast for energy is oats with a special ingredient.

Leader: Oats with a special ingredient? Can you share what this energy-producing ingredient is? Açaí? Goji berries? Yucca plant? Elderberry?

RON: *(confused)* Those were some weird words at the end there. To answer the first question - banana. It adds sweetness to the oats, plus lots of nutrients. I do what I can to be the best runner I can be!

Leader: What else can one do to become a good runner? I’m thinking I may try it out!

RON: *(stretches before answering excitedly)* Oh, Ron D. has got you, my dude! 1.) Fuel up with the right amount of healthy food. 2.) Stretch like a gummy worm. 3.) RUN...like Ron D., or as you like to call me, “Sugar Pie!” *(smiles)*

Leader: Um, RON, I’m going to stick with “Ron,” not “Sugar Pie.” We’ll let your Mom keep that one. These are great tips. Thank you. Any questions I can answer for you?

RON: *(excited)* TOTALLY! Carrots. Raw and crunchy or cooked and mushy?

Leader: *(weirded out)* Uh, not what I was expecting, but raw and crunchy. You sure you don’t have anything else you have been thinking about?

RON: *(runs around leader twice then stops next to them)* Okay, I now know I matter to God. I know that Jesus died for everyone and that EVERYONE MATTERS TO GOD! So, understanding this, what can I do?

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CHARACTER SKIT

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Leader: *(stretches like Ron before answering but pulls something in arm)* OUCH! AH, that hurt. *(rubs arm)* Okay... I.) Pray that everyone in the world will learn that they **MATTER TO GOD!**

RON: *(smiles)* THANKS! Great tip. *(runs in place, excited)*

Leader: There's more! 2.) Give your talents, time, and money to the efforts of telling others they **MATTER TO GOD!** And 3.) **GO** and tell others they **MATTER TO GOD!**

RON: *(high steps quickly in place, excited)* OH YEAAAAH! Ron D. Race can do **THIS!**

Leader: *(smiles)* Of course, you can! We all can!

RON: *(running in place to cadence)* Pray. Give. Go. Pray. Give. Go. Pray. Give. GOOOOOO! *(runs around the room to different kids, saying, "PRAY. GIVE. GO.")*

Leader: Oh, Ron. Ron D. Race? Excuse me...

RON: *(still running around)* Sorry, can't chat! Gotta get busy doing what I can so everyone will know that **EVERYONE MATTERS TO GOD!** *(runs out)*

Leader: *(intrigued)* Alright. Uh, bye! You're **AWESOME!**

RON: *(runs back in)* Thanks! I am because I **MATTER TO GOD!** Later, gator! *(gives two thumbs up and exits as his theme music plays)*

Leader: Cool! Um...after a while, ...clothing pile? *(smiles and shrugs)*



GAME TIME

“Stick and Roll”

Items Needed For Game:

10 lint rollers; A bag of ping pong balls

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Preparation:

Choose five boys and five girls to play the game. Give each player a lint roller. Dump the ping pong balls onto the floor.

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How To Play:

When you say, “Go,” the players should get down on their hands and knees and start trying to stick as many ping pong balls as they can to their lint roller **WITHOUT** using their hands to pick up any of the balls. At the end of sixty seconds, the team that has the most ping pong balls stuck to their lint rollers is declared the winning team!



Missions Story

“The Guardian Imam”

Materials Needed:

“The Guardian Imam” Graphics; begin with the slide that says “Missions Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

Preparation:

Familiarize yourself with the story below

The Story:

Today’s story is about a missionary from America who went to an African village in the middle of nowhere to help build a church. (*show pic*) He was so excited to share Jesus with everyone and let them know they **MATTERED** to God. He also knew it would be a challenge because many people would not want him building a church in their village. He was determined to obey God!



One day, God showed the missionary an empty piece of land on the outskirts of the village. He told the missionary to build a church on that land. The missionary was ready! He got together some Africans from the church group, and they committed to help build the church building on that piece of land!



Many people were excited about this new church being built, but there were some that were very angry about it. One day, while the missionary was away, the African workers were doing some digging and getting ready to build the first wall of the building. Suddenly, the local village elder showed up and started **SHOUTING** at them: (*show pic*) “**STOP BUILDING THIS, AT ONCE!**” He was furious about this church building because he did not believe in God and did not want Christians to come and change the way his village had been for years.



The village elder was a very powerful man, but there was another powerful man who saw what was happening. It was the village Imam (*have everyone say this together - pronounced “ih-moam”*). An Imam is a Muslim teacher - and Muslims are usually very much **AGAINST** Christians. It would be **CRAZY** for a Muslim teacher to say this, but the Imam went right up to the village elder and, very sternly, said, (*show pic*) “**This work must go on!**” Wow! The Muslim teacher was **HELPING** the Christian missionary by saying they **MUST** keep building the church! The Muslim Imam stood guard in front of the property until the church was completed! It was truly a miracle!



The village was excited to have a brand new church building. The Christians went every week to worship God in their new church. However, they weren’t the only ones who showed up! You’ll never guess who else came to the church for service! (*show pic*) It was the Imam - a **MUSLIM** teacher in a Christian church! He was so excited about the church being built that he just had to come!

Today, in your lesson, you’re going to learn that God can use anybody - and that includes you! You’re going to find out how you can help share the good news that Every Soul Matters to God!



Call To Action

“What Can I Do?”

Materials Needed:

“What Can I Do?” Graphics; Money; A world map with the word “SCHOOL” written on the back side

Preparation:

Begin with the slide titled “What Can I Do?”

The Message: *(title slide)*



Every Soul Matters to God! We’ve been learning what that means in our last few lessons. EVERY soul MATTERS to God, which means that EVERY single person in the whole world matters to God! He sees everyone as important! The sad thing is - not everyone knows that! Not everyone feels like they matter. But Jesus gave us the responsibility as Christians to let everyone know, to spread the news around the world.

You might say, “Well, how can I do that? I’m just a kid! What can I do?” Well, there’s a lot you can do! Today we are going to talk about three important things that YOU can do in order to help everyone in the world find out that they matter to God!

Pray. *(slide)*



First, you can PRAY. *(place your hands together, symbolizing prayer)* Pray for missionaries all around the world to be able to share Jesus. Pray that people will decide to give their lives to Jesus - people in your family, in your neighborhood, at school, and all around the world!

It doesn’t have to be a long prayer. *(start praying in an over-the-top manner and begin listing tons of countries - “I pray for the people of China, Russia, Spain, Italy, Iran, Cuba, ...”)* Okay, you get the point! And it doesn’t have to be a fancy prayer. *(pray a fancy-sounding, over-the-top prayer)* Instead, you can just talk to God and ask Him to help everyone find out how they matter to God. Secondly, you can...

Give. *(slide)*



(hold up the money) It takes money for missionaries to travel across the world, live in a foreign country, and share Jesus with others. In fact, it took money to build the African church in our Missions Story today. When you get birthday money or your allowance, you can give some of it - or ALL of it, if you want - in the offering

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Call To Action *(Continued)*

to help missionaries reach the world for Jesus. Sell some of your old toys in a garage sale, put up a lemonade stand, whatever! There are many ways you can make money that you can give to help our missionaries share the news that Every Soul Matters to God! Thirdly, you can...

Go. *(slide)*



(hold up map, with the map side facing the kids) One day, God may call you to be a missionary to another place in the world! He may ask you to do what the missionary did and travel to another continent to tell those people about Jesus.

But you don't have to wait until then to be a missionary. You can be a missionary **TODAY!** *(flip map over to the side that says "SCHOOL")* Your school is a great place to start! Everyone in your school needs to know that they matter to God!

YOU can make a difference! You just have to make sure you **ALWAYS** remember that there are people all around this world who need to know they matter to God. As a Christian, you must do your part to let everyone know - **EVERY SOUL MATTERS TO GOD!**

ALTAR RESPONSE: *(play soft music)*

Pray that the children would Pray, Give, and Go! Close with a time of prayer for the lost, and give the children an opportunity to make some big decisions about how they can pray, give, and go.



Materials Needed:

The graphic slides for Lesson 3; “Rewind” Bumper Video

Preparation:

Play the “Rewind” Bumper Video; Begin with the slide titled “REWIND!”; there is a slide for each question

1. Whatchagaddaknow today?

Answer: “If You Matter To God, Then You Matter To ME!”

2. Who went to Africa to help build a church in our Missions Story?

Answer: A Missionary

3. What did God provide the missionary with so he could build a church?

Answer: A Piece Of Land

4. Who showed up to stop the building of the church?

Answer: The Village Elder

5. Who else showed up and ended up guarding the property?

Answer: The Village Imam

6. True or False: God can use anyone to share the Gospel.

Answer: True

7. According to our lesson today, the first thing we can do is “____.”

Answer: Pray

8. According to our lesson today, the second thing we can do is “____.”

Answer: Give

9. According to our lesson today, the third thing we can do is “____.”

Answer: Go

10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: Matthew 24:14