

# EVERY SOUL

MATTERS TO GOD







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One of the most famous verses in the entire Bible is John 3:16, “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” There is a key word in that verse: **EVERYONE**. Sadly, not all Christians live like they really believe that part of the verse is true.

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For This Generation,

**The High Voltage Kids Ministry Team**



## THE ELEMENTS

### **The Video Files:**

This folder includes “The Spark” Intro Video segments featuring “Damaris,” the Power Verse Videos featuring “Kent Hearya,” and the “Whatchagaddaknow” Videos featuring “Boudreaux.” We have included several “Video Bumpers” to be used as transitions to each segment of the service (“Game Time!”, “Offering”, and “Rewind”). These are Quicktime video files that can be copied and placed into PowerPoint or another presentation software.

### **The Data Files:**

This folder contains the Printable Lesson Manual and graphics/artwork you can use to promote this amazing series. Also included are graphic slides that are intended to be used during the lesson. In addition, you will find a “Family Devotion”, “Small Group Experience”, and “Kid Take Home Page” for each lesson.

### **“The Spark” Intro Video:**

This video is to be used toward the beginning of the lesson. It sets up the topic to be discussed during that lesson. It uses humor to grab the kids’ attention and then explains what they will be learning about in the lesson.

### **Whatchagaddaknow:**

This is the main thought you want to get across to the kids during the weekly lessons. It is a simple statement that sums up the entire lesson. There is a “Whatchagaddaknow” Video, in which Boudreaux teaches the kids the phrase. Then, use the “Whatchagaddaknow Trigger” Video to surprise the kids throughout the service. Play it many times at random. Each time the kids see Boudreaux’s head pop up and ask, “Whatchagaddaknow?” they should stand up on their feet and say the “Whatchagaddaknow” statement for the week.

### **Game Time!:**

A game is provided for each week. Most of them are themed with the lesson being taught that week.

### **Skit/Drama:**

These skits feature “Ron D. Race” (you can choose to have her as a puppet or a human character), who interacts with another person (you or any member of your team). Names can be changed for each specific church and situation if you wish. Use the skits in whatever way works best for you.

### **Bible Story:**

A specific Bible Story is included for each week. It is a story that you tell with accompanying graphic illustrations that help bring the story to life. These illustrations can be found in the Data Files folder.

### **Call To Action:**

Because kids tend to learn best if you combine speaking the truth with visual illustrations, we have written an illustrated sermon to be used each week called the “Call To Action.” Materials are listed, and manuscripts are provided. Each illustrated sermon comes with a graphic slide for each main point.

### **Rewind!:**

This fun game tests the kids’ memory about what they have learned. Play at the end of each week’s lesson.

### **Family Devotions:**

Send these home with the parent of each child as a means for them to reinforce the lesson during the week.

### **Kid Take Home Pages:**

Send these home with the child as a means for them to review the lesson during the week.

# HOW TO USE THE LESSON PLAN WORKSHEET

The first page of each lesson includes a lesson plan for the service with a suggested order of service that you may follow. On the second page of each lesson is a list of the materials needed for that entire lesson.

Please note that each lesson worksheet includes “The Spark” Intro Video, “Game Time!”, “Skit/Drama”, “Call To Action”, “Rewind”, and the other lesson segments we provide with the curriculum. Many of the segments included have graphic and video elements included in the Data and Video Files folders. There are some segments that require other outside materials that are not included in the curriculum.

## “EVERY SOUL MATTERS TO GOD” - LESSON 1

### “Every Soul!”

**Main Focus:**  
God loves everyone in the world just the same!

**Power Verse:**  
“The Lord...does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.” - 2 Peter 3:9

**Whatchagaddaknow:**  
“Red and Yellow, Black and White, They Are Precious In His Sight!”

**“The Spark” Intro Video**  
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- “Lesson 1 - The Spark” Intro Video

**“Whatchagaddaknow” Video**  
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**Character Skit**  
- “Ron D. Race” Theme Graphic/Music  
- Running clothes

**Offering Time**  
- “Offering Time” Bumper Video

**Game Time!**  
- “Game Time!” Bumper Video  
- “Do You Remember Me?” Graphics

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**Power Verse Video**  
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**Rewind!**  
- “Rewind” Bumper Video  
- “Rewind” Lesson 1 Graphics

**Small Group Experience**  
- Narrator Nametags Print Piece  
- Bible Story Print Piece  
- Tape  
- Person Print Piece  
- Loved Nametag Print Piece  
- Scissors  
- Crayons, markers, or pencils  
- Blindfold  
- Every Soul Matters To God Nametag Print Piece  
- Bibles

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## **The “Small Group Experience”**

We have included an entire “Small Group Experience” in this Power Pack. This is an added bonus that you may choose to use to help reinforce the lesson that was learned in the Large Group Kids Church experience. These Small Group Experiences were written for Elementary-age children (kindergarten through 5th grade).

The Small Group Experiences do require some preparation for each group leader. Please read ahead to make sure that any props, tools, etc. are gathered ahead of time. Our suggestion is to divide the children into small groups (2-10 children works best), according to ages.

Each Small Group Experience is designed to last between 20-25 minutes. Feel free to modify any segment to fit your time frame and/or group needs.

It is definitely recommended that you use the Small Group Experience as a supplement to the Large Group Experience. It is meant to reinforce the lesson the children have already learned.

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### **“The Spark” Intro Video**

“EVERY SOUL MATTERS!”



### **“Whatchagaddaknow” Video**

Boudreaux teaches “Whatchagaddaknow”



### **Character Skit**

“Ron D. Race”



### **Offering Time**



### **Game Time!**

“Do You Remember Me?”



### **Bible Story**

“Peter and Cornelius”



### **Power Verse Video**

“The Lord...does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.”

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### **Call To Action**

“Every Soul!”



### **Rewind!**

Review Game



### **Small Group Experience**

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### Character Skit

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- Running clothes

### Offering Time

- “Offering Time” Bumper Video

### Game Time!

- “Game Time!” Bumper Video  
- “Do You Remember Me?” Graphics

### Bible Story

- “Peter and Cornelius” Graphics

### Power Verse Video

- “Lesson 1 Power Verse” Video

### Call To Action

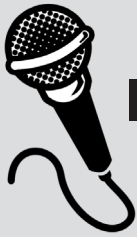
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## **Introduction to “The Spark” Intro Video**

**Leader:** Hey, kids! Welcome to our series, “EVERY SOUL MATTERS TO GOD!” When you hear that phrase, you might have some questions! For starters - what exactly does “soul” mean? And what does it mean for something to “matter”? Well, before I tell you, let’s find out what YOU think those words mean!

If you think you know what “soul” means, raise your hand. *(allow a few children to respond)* If you think you know what it means for something to “matter,” raise your hand. *(allow a few children to respond)*

Those are all great answers! Basically, a soul is a person! It’s the part of your life that goes with you after you die. And for something to matter just means that something is important! So to say, “EVERY SOUL MATTERS TO GOD,” means that every person is equally important to God! But before we get too far into our lesson, I want you to check out this video with our friend Damaris!

***(play “The Spark - Intro Video Lesson 1”)***

**Leader:** Wow! There are a LOT of people in this world! And God LOVES every single one of them! You’re going to learn all about how EVERY soul matters to God today. 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, stretching and jogging around the leader; super energetic)* What’s going on? Running is the BOMB! Am I right?!

**Leader:** *(confused)* Errr, sure. Who are you?

**RON:** *(laughs)* My bad! *(holds out hand to shake)* I’m Ron. Ron D. Race. My friends call me Ron, but my mom calls me “Sugar Pie.” You can call me either one. I’ll answer to both!

**Leader:** *(shakes hands)* I’ll go with Ron. What are you doing here, Ron?

**RON:** Oh, I was cutting through your building on my way to the park for my running meet-up. What’s going on in here? Some kind of kid genius meeting to take over the school system?

**Leader:** *(laughs)* Haha, no. This is kid’s church. Today we are learning that “Every Soul Matters To God!”

**RON:** *(gets super jumpy and excited)* Woah! For real! EVERY SOLE?! THAT’S INSANE! *(leans close to leader)* Even the stinky, worn-out ones?

**Leader:** Yes - EVERY soul! God loves everyone the same. *(confused)* Uh, no matter what they smell like.

**RON:** I knew God was caring, but to think He cares about my old, garbage-smelling running shoes from last summer! WOW! *(runs lap around stage)* That is mind-BLOWING!!!

**Leader:** *(confused)* Wait! Why would God care about your shoes? I mean, PEOPLE are what God cares about....not shoes.

**RON:** But you said “Every Sole Matters To God,” and my stinky shoes that I ran over 430 miles in each have laces, a tongue, and A SOLE!

**Leader:** *(laughs)* Haha, OOOOOOHHHHH! I get the problem we are experiencing now. You are talking about an S-O-L-E that is part of a shoe, and I am talking about an S-O-U-L, as in the human soul.

**RON:** *(thoughtful)* Well, that definitely changes the meaning of “Every Soul Matters To God.” I guess it would be okay to get rid of my old, SMELLY running shoes now.

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## **CHARACTER SKIT**

*(continued)*

**Leader:** *(grossed out)* Yeah, that would probably be a good idea.

**RON:** *(does some stretching)* So, now that I know “Every Soul - PERSON - Matters To God,” what should I do with that info? I mean it seems IMPORTANT!

**Leader:** It is IMPORTANT! We should run all over, telling EVERYONE that they matter to God.

**RON:** *(High steps quickly in place; excited)* OHYEAAAAH! I GOT THIS!

**Leader:** *(smiles)* That’s the attitude we should all have, Ron!

**RON:** Aw, thanks. I try. Watch! *(runs around the room, telling people, “Every Soul Matters To God, and that means YOU, not your shoes”)*

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

**RON:** *(still running around)* Well, gotta go to my running meet-up in the park, but I’ll spread the word about God and souls...and not shoes! *(runs out)*

**Leader:** *(intrigued)* Alright. Uh, bye! Have a good run!

**RON:** *(runs back in)* Thanks! I WILL! Later, gator. *(gives two thumbs up and exits as his theme music plays)*

**Leader:** Cool! Oh, I know this one... After awhile, crocodile! *(smiles and waves goodbye to Ron)*



## **GAME TIME**

### **“Do You Remember Me?”**

#### **Items Needed For Game:**

“Do You Remember Me?” Graphics

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#### **Preparation:**

Begin with the slide titled, “Do You Remember Me?”  
Choose two boys and two girls to participate in this game.

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#### **How To Play:**

This is a quiz game. Explain that you will be giving clues about famous people in history and the teams must try and guess who you are talking about. Choose which team will go first.

Alternate back and forth between each question. Each team will answer five questions.

The crowd can help by yelling out which answer they think is correct (like they do in many game shows).

The contestants have to decide what their “final answer” is. Give each team a point for every correct answer.

The team with the most points will be declared the winner.



## **Bible Story**

### **“Peter and Cornelius”**

#### **Materials Needed:**

“Peter and Cornelius” Graphics; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

#### **Preparation:**

Familiarize yourself with the story in Acts 10:1-33; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

#### **The Story:**

Today’s Bible Story is found in Acts chapter 10. One day, God appeared to the Apostle Peter in a dream as he was sleeping. (*show pic*) God showed Peter a vision of a blanket coming down from Heaven that had a bunch of animals on it. God told Peter to kill the animals and eat them. This food was the kind of food that Peter had been taught to NEVER eat.



Peter was SO offended! He couldn’t believe God was asking him to eat that kind of food. He told God, “I have NEVER eaten any food that is impure.” God told Peter, “Do not call anything impure that I have made clean.” This happened three times, and then Peter woke up.



Through these dreams, Peter realized that God was trying to teach him an important lesson. You see, Peter had a big problem. He and the other disciples had bad feelings about anyone who was not a Jew by birth. They told the Jews about Jesus, no problem, but they refused to share the good news of Jesus with the Gentiles. Peter was one of the main disciples who dealt with this “prejudice,” or choosing not to love others because they’re different.



Right after Peter woke up from his dream, there was a knock at his front door. The men at the door were servants of a man named Cornelius. One of them said, (*show pic*) “My master, Cornelius, would like to see you.” So they took Peter to Cornelius’ house. Cornelius was not a Jew, but God told him to bring Peter to his house so Peter could tell him about Jesus. Peter realized that God was trying to teach him through those dreams that God loves EVERYONE the same. (*show pic*) Peter told Cornelius’ family, “I now realize that God does not show favoritism, but accepts men from every nation.” He basically said, “I’ve come to realize that EVERY SOUL MATTERS TO GOD!”



It was a powerful moment. (*show pic*) Peter prayed with Cornelius’ entire family to accept Jesus that day. It was a miracle! It only happened because Peter chose to treat others just as God does. He showed love to Cornelius and his family even though they were different. That’s what each one of us must do as well.

Today, in your lesson, you’re going to learn the importance of loving others and treating them like they matter to you! If EVERY soul matters to God, EVERY soul should matter to us!



## **Call To Action**

### **“Every Soul!”**

#### **Materials Needed:**

“Every Soul!” Graphics; A box filled with a variety of items—most that kids will like, but a few that you know they will hate; Five large name tags (or sticky labels); A large marker

#### **Preparation:**

Begin with the slide titled “Every Soul!”



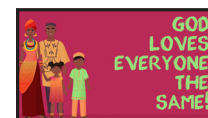
#### **The Message:** *(title slide)*

Today, we are going to start things off with a little activity. I am going to pull an item out of this box and show it to you. I want you to tell me whether or not it is something you like. *(pull several things out of the box that you know the kids will get excited about, such as candy, a video game console, money, etc.; every few items, pull out something that the kids will not like, such as vegetables, a chore list, etc.)*

I noticed that there were a lot of things that you guys really liked in that box. There were other things that it seemed like you didn't like at all. You know, life is like that. We have freedom of choice. We can like some things and not like others, right? Of course!

Sadly, many people think this same choice applies to accepting other people. They think they can love and accept some people but then choose to dislike and mistreat other people. Sadly, some people make the choice to dislike whole groups of people simply because of the color of their skin, the way they dress, or the country they come from. That's called “prejudice.” Isn't that sad? It's not only sad - it's the opposite of how God wants us to be.

Even the Apostle Peter struggled with this, even though Jesus told the disciples it was their job to “go and make disciples of ALL nations, ALL people, ALL types.” That was their instruction. It was very clear. You'd think the disciples would have understood this meant they were to take the Gospel to EVERYONE. Well, through the dream Peter had, he realized God was trying to teach him some lessons that we need to learn as well. First...



#### **God Loves Everyone The Same** *(slide)*

*John 3:16* says, “For God so loved THE WORLD...” It doesn't say He only loves certain people, does it? God sees everyone the same. He doesn't love one group more than another. He loves Americans just as much as He loves Africans or Asians or Latinos. He loves tall people just as much as He loves short people. Everyone is equal in God's eyes.

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## **Call To Action** *(Continued)*

We don't always act like that is the case, though, do we? Sometimes we act like we think we are better than others. We treat people who are different than us like they are not as good as we are. We think, “I can't be friends with THOSE people.” It's like we put a label on them that says “LOSER” or “TRASH.” That is NOT what God wants us to do! In fact, ...

### **I Must Never Label Others** *(slide)*

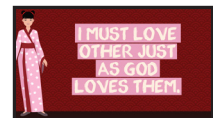


We do that sometimes as well. We label others and put them in groups. We think that some people are more important than others. *(ask for five kids to come up to the stage)* Take these people, for example. We look at others and put labels on them, deciding what they are “worth.”

- *(write the word “nerd” on a label and place it on the first kid)* We decide, “That person is a nerd. They aren't good for anything but reading books and taking tests.”
- *(write the word “athlete” on a label and place it on the next kid)* We decide, “Well, that person is a strong athlete, so they are probably not that smart.”
- *(write the word “poor” on a label and place it on the next kid)* We decide, “That person doesn't have much money, and they don't dress very nicely. I can't be their friend or I won't be as popular.”
- *(write the word “liar” on a label and place it on the next kid)* “This person told a lie once, so they are not to be trusted - ever. I hope nobody is ever their friend.”
- *(write the word “popular” on a label and place it on the last child)* “That person is the most popular kid in school, so they must be so cool and amazing.”

We put these labels on others. We decide how much they are “worth” based on the labels that we give them or that others give them. The problem is that when we label others, many times it keeps us from showing them God's love. That's what was happening with Peter. So what should we do?

### **I Must Love Others Just As God Loves Them** *(slide)*



We need to learn the same lesson Peter learned. We should NEVER label others as “not worthy” or “not as good as us.” We have to get rid of the labels and begin to look at others through God's eyes. God sees EVERYONE as important. He sees EVERYONE as worthy of His love. He sees EVERYONE as worthy of sending His Son to die for them.

### **ALTAR RESPONSE:** *(play soft music)*

Pray with any kids who have been guilty of labeling others. Pray with them as they ask God for forgiveness and for help seeing others through the eyes of God. Pray that each kid would begin to fully understand that EVERY SOUL MATTERS TO GOD!



**REWIND!**

**Materials Needed:**

The graphic slides for Lesson 1; “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:** “Red and Yellow, Black and White, They Are Precious In His Sight!”

**2. In our Bible Story, what did God show Peter in his dream?**

**Answer:** Food He Wasn’t Supposed To Eat

**3. What lesson was God teaching Peter through his dreams?**

**Answer:** Every Soul Matters to God

**4. What was the name of the man who Peter went to visit?**

**Answer:** Cornelius

**5. True or False: Peter struggled with prejudice.**

**Answer:** True

**6. True or False: Only Some Souls Matter to God.**

**Answer:** False

**7. According to our lesson today, “God Loves Everyone \_\_\_\_\_. ”**

**Answer:** The Same

**8. According to our lesson today, “I Must Never \_\_\_\_\_ Others.”**

**Answer:** Label

**9. According to our lesson today, “I Must \_\_\_\_\_ Others Just As God \_\_\_\_\_ Them.”**

**Answer:** Love; Loves

**10. Where was our Power Verse found?**

**Answer:** 2 Peter 3:9

# “EVERY SOUL MATTERS TO GOD” - LESSON 2

## “What Does It Matter?”

### Main Focus:

Jesus died for EVERY person in the world!



### Power Verse:

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” – John 3:16



### Whatchagaddaknow:

“Jesus Died Because You Matter To God!”

## LEADER’S INFO

This world is full of people putting each other down. The world is constantly telling you you’re not good enough, you’re not smart enough, you’re not pretty enough or strong enough - you don’t matter!

However, in this lesson, the children will learn that God says that EVERY SOUL matters! They are going to learn that God thinks THEY matter and He can use them to do some special things for the Kingdom of God.

When the children embrace this important truth that they (along with everyone else in the world) matter to God, they will see God begin to do some amazing things in their lives.



### “The Spark” Intro Video

“It Matters!”



### “Whatchagaddaknow” Video

Boudreaux teaches “Whatchagaddaknow”



### Character Skit

“Ron D. Race”



### Offering Time



### Game Time!

“Higher or Lower”



### Missions Story

“The Son of the Devil”



### Power Verse Video

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”

– John 3:16



### Call To Action

“What Does It Matter?”



### Rewind!

Review Game



### Small Group Experience

**Main Focus:**

Jesus died for EVERY person in the world!

**Power Verse:**

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” – John 3:16

**Whatchagaddaknow:**

“Jesus Died Because You Matter To God!”

**Lesson 2 Materials Needed:****“The Spark” Intro Video**

- “Lesson 2 - 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
- “Higher or Lower” Graphics

**Missions Story**

- “The Son Of The Devil” Graphics

**Power Verse Video**

- “Lesson 2 Power Verse” Video

**Call To Action**

- “What Does It Matter?” Graphics
- A mirror
- A Bible
- A collectible baseball or basketball card

**Rewind!**

- “Rewind” Bumper Video
- “Rewind” Lesson 2 Graphics

**Small Group Experience**

- Missions Story Pictures
- Materials that can be used for a “trash to treasure” project (e.g. food boxes, plastic bottles, scrap paper, etc.)
- Pencils, crayons, or markers
- Tape
- Glue
- Scissors
- Price Tag Print Piece
- Bibles
- Scrap paper

**“The Spark” Intro Video**

“It Matters!”

**“Whatchagaddaknow” Video**

Boudreaux teaches “Whatchagaddaknow”

**Character Skit**

“Ron D. Race”

**Offering Time****Game Time!**

“Higher or Lower”

**Missions Story**

“The Son of the Devil”

**Power Verse Video**

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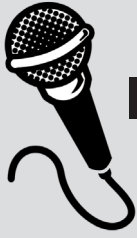
**Call To Action**

“What Does It Matter?!”

**Rewind!**

Review Game

**Small Group Experience**



## **Introduction to “The Spark” Intro Video**

**Leader:** Hey, kids! Welcome back to our series, “EVERY SOUL MATTERS TO GOD!” What does the word “matter” mean? If I were to tell you that you matter, what am I saying about you? (*allow a few children to respond*) Those are great answers! When I say you matter, I mean you are important to me. You are valuable to me. You mean a lot to me. You are worth a lot to me.

However, today, we’re not learning about the fact that I think you matter - we’re learning that God Himself says YOU matter! In fact, God says every soul, or everyone, matters to Him! 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 2”)**

**Leader:** Wow! It’s SO important to understand that every soul matters to God - even you! God thinks YOU matter! God says you can do amazing things with your life! The world may not say that, and you may not always feel like that, but it’s true! Today you’re going to learn a lot more about 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, holding shoes in hand instead of wearing them on his feet; exhausted from a race and sad he lost)* What does it matter? I just don’t have the PEP in my step to WIN!

**Leader:** *(confused)* Uh? Ron D. Race? Is that you? Why are you so BUMMED?

**RON:** *(sits down beside where the leader is standing, defeated)* Yeah, it’s me, Ron D. Race, but I lost the race I was in this morning. I am DEFEATED! I want my MOMMY! *(puts face in hands)*

**Leader:** *(pats Ron on head)* There, there, Ron. It’s okay....

**RON:** *(looks up at leader, super sad; interrupts)* Call me “Sugar Pie!” That’s what Mommy calls me. It will help me feel better. Oh, and can you rock me too? Rocking helps.

**Leader:** *(steps behind Ron and awkwardly grabs shoulders; gently rocks Ron)* There, there, “Sugar Pie.”

**RON:** *(quickly wraps arms around leader’s ankle, crying)* Waaaaaaaaa, Moooooooooommmmmmmmyyyyyyyyy! If I can’t win the race, nothing matters to me and I don’t matter to anyone! Waaaaaaaaa!

**Leader:** *(serious)* Ron! That’s just NOT true! Get up here and listen. *(gives Ron a hand up)*

**RON:** *(takes hand and gets up, looking at leader sheepishly)* It’s not true? I matter even though I’m a race LOSER?! *(holds arms out, wanting the leader to hold him)* Mommy....

**Leader:** Ron, no. I’m not “Mommy,” and you aren’t my “Sugar Pie.” HOWEVER, you aren’t a loser just because you lost the race. Only one person WON the race, but that doesn’t make everyone else a loser.

**RON:** But it was just me and one other person - my cousin, Amy.....she’s eight.

**Leader:** *(shocked)* You lost a race to an eight-year-old little girl?!

**RON:** *(ashamed)* We have strong women in my family.

**Leader:** Look, none of THAT matters. What does MATTER is YOU! Everyone matters to God. JESUS died because you MATTER TO GOD!

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## **CHARACTER SKIT**

*(continued)*

**RON:** *(stands up straight and smiles)* Really?

**Leader:** Yes, REALLY! Every person matters to God. Jesus died for EVERY person in the WORLD!

**RON:** *(high steps in place quickly; excited)* OH YEAAAAH! This is EXCELLENT NEWS!

**Leader:** *(smiles)* There's the Ron we all know and LOVE!

**RON:** *(freezes in place)* You LOVE me?! *(runs around the room to different kids, saying, “You love me?!”)*

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

**RON:** *(still running around)* Well, gotta go to have a snack with Amy, but I'll spread the word about God and Jesus and that EVERYONE MATTERS TO GOD! *(runs out)*

**Leader:** *(intrigued)* Alright. Uh, bye! Have a yummy snack with that speedster, Amy!

**RON:** *(runs back in)* Thanks! I WILL! Later, tater. *(gives two thumbs up and exits as his theme music plays)*

**Leader:** Cool! Oh... After awhile, ceiling tile? *(smiles and shrugs)*



## **GAME TIME**

### **“Higher or Lower”**

#### **Items Needed For Game:**

“Higher or Lower” Graphics

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#### **Preparation:**

None

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#### **How To Play:**

Choose one boy and one girl to play this game. The audience will be able to help them. In classic “The Price Is Right” fashion, show each item to the contestants, one at a time, using the provided graphic slides. Give details about the item, including a “suggested” price. The player must decide whether the actual retail price of the item is **HIGHER** or **LOWER** than the price you suggested. The audience can help them decide by yelling “Higher!” or “Lower!” while they think about it. Once the contestants decide, be sure it is their **FINAL** answer. If they guess correctly, they get a point. Once both players have had the chance to make their guesses about an equal number of items, the player with the most points wins.

After the game, say, “Boys and girls, in this game we looked at the items and decided on their value. Some of you thought the value was higher; some of you thought it was lower. It’s the same with our real lives sometimes. Some people think higher of themselves than others. Others think of themselves as less than others. But our **TRUEVALUE** is determined by God. Every soul matters the same to God!”



# **Missions Story**

## **“The Son of the Devil”**

### **Materials Needed:**

“The Son of the Devil” 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 an African man, named Pastor Daniel, who decided to visit the people living in the jungle nearby. He wanted to find out how he could help the church there. He took clothes, soap, and bags of rice for them. The journey was dangerous and difficult. Many times, Pastor Daniel was stopped and questioned by people at war in the jungle. He was held at gunpoint and had to flee fighting more than once.

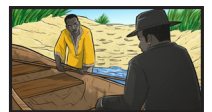
All along the way, Pastor Daniel discovered churches being started. As soon as he arrived at one village’s church, the people began worshiping and praising God. He preached and prayed for them, and, after service, (*show pic*) he got in a canoe for a four-hour trip to another village to have another service.

Pastor Daniel sat in the canoe and listened to the captain of the canoe talk. He kept hearing him say something about “the Devil” and wondered what he was talking about. (*show pic*) He discovered that the captain of the canoe was an evil man whose name actually meant “Son of the Devil.”

Pastor Daniel knew he needed to tell this man about Jesus, so he spent the rest of the canoe ride preaching to the man named “Son of the Devil” about how every soul matters to God - even his! During their four-hour canoe trip up the river, the man ended up confessing his sins and accepting Jesus as his Savior. (*show pic*) When they landed at the next town, the church people gathered around and this man was baptized in the river. It was a powerful moment! His life was changed, and he wanted everyone to know!

(*show pic*) In fact, because his life had changed, he decided to change his name from “Son of the Devil” to “Angel of Light.” He was overjoyed by his new name! He was excited to know that he MATTERED to God!

Today, in your lesson, you’re going to learn that Every Soul Matters to God, just like the captain of the canoe did. Even people who seem like they SURELY don’t matter to God - like a man named “Son of the Devil” - absolutely DO matter to God. He loves everyone the same, and that means YOU matter to God!





## **Call To Action**

### **“What Does It Matter?”**

#### **Materials Needed:**

“What Does It Matter?” Graphics; A mirror; A Bible; A collectible baseball or basketball card

#### **Preparation:**

Begin with the slide titled “What Does It Matter?”



#### **The Message:** *(title slide)*

Today, we’re learning about how EVERY soul MATTERS to God! Not a single person, even you, is unimportant to God. He sees everyone as important. Everyone matters to God, but, sadly, not everyone knows that.

Many people don’t feel like they matter at all. *(hold up the mirror)* When you look at yourself in the mirror, what do you see? Do you see a loser or a winner? Do you see someone who is valuable or someone who is worthless?

One of the main reasons people view themselves as worthless is because they don’t see themselves the way GOD sees them. They have allowed themselves to listen to what others say about them or what they THINK others believe about them—their mind is filled with the wrong thoughts about their worth.

If your mind is filled with wrong thoughts about yourself, for whatever reason, you have to battle those wrong thoughts with THE TRUTH. Where do we find the truth? *(hold up the Bible)* Right here in the Bible. The Bible tells us that...



#### **God Designed Every Person** *(slide)*

The Bible says in *Jeremiah 1:5*, “I knew you before I formed you in your mother’s womb....” This is God letting us know He formed us in our mother’s womb. He took His time on every part of you - your eyes, your nose, your personality, your gifts and talents. God designed each of us individually. We are His masterpieces. Like an artist who designed a beautiful painting, God took His time on every part of us as He created and designed us. We have to learn to see ourselves from His perspective; then we will see how wonderful we really are.



It’s kind of like this. I bought a beautiful painting the other day. I couldn’t bring it with me, but I have a picture of it. Check it out. *(put up the graphic of the painting that is very zoomed in)* Isn’t that beautiful? Oh, I guess you’re looking at it too close. Let me back it up. *(put up the graphic of the painting that is a little further*

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## **Call To Action** (Continued)

out) Well, it still doesn't look quite right. Let me show it to you from the perspective of the artist. *(put up the graphic of the full painting)* When you see the painting the way the artist saw it as he painted it, you can see that it is very beautiful. It's the same way with us. When you see yourself the way God, the Master Artist and your designer, sees you, you will begin to see how much you matter. Here is another important thing the Bible tells us about how much we matter...



### **God Paid A High Price For Every Person** (slide)



Some kids think they are worthless. They think that they are worth nothing at all. But how do you know what something is worth? *(hold up the basketball/baseball card)* How much do you think this is worth? You might think it's not worth much at all, since it is just a piece of cardboard. But many baseball cards are sold for thousands of dollars. In fact, one baseball card was even sold for \$2.5 million. What makes it worth that much? Simply the fact that someone is willing to pay that price for it. If no one was willing to pay that much for it, it wouldn't be worth that much. It's only worth whatever someone is willing to pay for it.

The Bible says in *1 Corinthians 6:19-20*, “...You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price....” What price is that? He sent His one and only Son to die in our place. When we deserved to die because of our sin, God paid the price for our freedom by sending His Son to die in our place. So the next time you think you're worthless, remember that you are worth a lot to God - you **MATTER** to Him.



### **Jesus Died To Prove That YOU Matter** (slide)

Our Power Verse says, “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” – *John 3:16* You matter so much to God that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die for you - to pay the price for your sin. So it's time to understand God's message to us - “Every Soul **MATTERS** to God!” Don't look at yourself through the wrong thoughts we discussed today. Instead, look at yourself the way God does. See yourself as a masterpiece designed by God, paid for by the life of His Son, Jesus, and loved more than anything else in this world. You matter. **EVERY** soul matters to God!

### **ALTAR RESPONSE:** *(play soft music)*

Pray for the children who suffer from low self-esteem. Pray that they will begin to see themselves through God's eyes. Pray that the wrong thoughts will be replaced by the truth of the Word of God. Also, pray that as they begin to understand that **THEY** matter to God, they would also understand that **EVERY** soul matters to God. Pray that they will begin to have a heart for the **WORLD**!

**REWIND!****Materials Needed:**

The graphic slides for Lesson 2; “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:** “Jesus Died Because You Matter To God!”

**2. What was the name of the pastor in our Missions Story?**

**Answer:** Pastor Daniel

**3. How did Pastor Daniel travel to the next village?**

**Answer:** By Canoe

**4. What was the name of the captain of the canoe?**

**Answer:** “Son of the Devil”

**5. What did the captain of the canoe change his name to after accepting Jesus?**

**Answer:** “Angel of Light”

**6. True or False: Some people are more special to God.**

**Answer:** False

**7. According to our lesson today, “God \_\_\_\_\_ Every Person.”**

**Answer:** Designed

**8. According to our lesson today, “God Paid A \_\_\_\_\_ For Every Person.”**

**Answer:** High Price

**9. According to our lesson today, “Jesus Died To Prove That YOU \_\_\_\_\_.”**

**Answer:** Matter

**10. Where was our Power Verse found?**

**Answer:** John 3:16

# “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:

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

## 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”



### Power Verse Video

“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



### Call To Action

“What Can I Do?”



### Rewind!

Review Game



### Small Group Experience

**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:**

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

**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

**“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”

**Power Verse Video**

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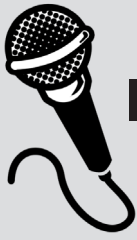
**Call To Action**

“What Can I Do?”

**Rewind!**

Review Game

**Small Group Experience**



## **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? Açai? 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**

*(continued)*

**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.

**REWIND!****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