

# “Limitless” - LESSON 1

## “God’s LOVE Is Limitless”

### Main Focus:

God’s love has NO limit!



### Power Verse:

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– John 3:16 (NIV)



### Whatchagaddaknow:

“God Loves Me With A LIMITLESS Love!”

## LEADER’S INFO

In a world where conditions and limitations often dictate the love and attention kids receive, this lesson teaches your kids about the everlasting and unconditional love that God has for them.

This lesson is all about how God’s love is not bound by any limitations— it’s there for us in every circumstance, for every person, everywhere. His love has NO limit!

Through the story of Nicodemus and his encounter with Jesus, the kids will not only understand God’s limitless love but also feel empowered to share that love with others.

It is our responsibility as Christians to share God’s limitless love with every man, woman, boy, and girl - no matter who they are or where they live!



### “The Spark” Intro Video

“God’s LOVE Is Limitless”



### “Whatchagaddaknow” Video

Boudreaux teaches “Whatchagaddaknow”



### Character Skit

“Justin Time”



### Offering Time



### Game Time!

“Balloon Bounce”



### Bible Story

“Jesus and Nicodemus”



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### Call To Action

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### Rewind!

Review Game



### Small Group Experience

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**Lesson 1 Materials Needed:**

**“The Spark” Intro Video**

- “Lesson 1 - The Spark” Intro Video

**“Whatchagaddaknow” Video**

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

**Character Skit**

- “Justin Time” Theme Graphic/Music

**Offering Time**

- “Offering Time” Bumper Video

**Game Time!**

- “Game Time!” Bumper Video
- “Balloon Bounce” Graphic
- Two Large Balloons

**Bible Story**

- “Jesus and Nicodemus” Graphics

**Power Verse Video**

- “Lesson 1 Power Verse” Video

**Call To Action**

- “God’s LOVE Is Limitless” Graphics
- A “Lota Bowl”
- A Large Glass Jar
- Water

**Rewind!**

- “REWIND!” Bumper Video
- “REWIND!” Lesson 1 Graphics

**Small Group Experience**

- Bible Story Pictures Print Piece
- Fish Crackers
- Plastic Spoons
- Bowls
- A Way To Keep Time
- God’s Love Print Piece
- Bibles
- Pencils, Crayons, or Markers

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

**Leader:** Hey, kids! Today, we are starting a brand new series called “Limitless!”

Have you ever tried counting the stars in the night sky? Or maybe thought about how many grains of sand there might be on the beach? What about the number of raindrops in a storm? Can we ever truly count them all? (*allow response*)

Let’s imagine you started counting right now and counted for your entire life, without stopping. Do you think you would reach the end of those stars, grains of sand, or raindrops?

There’s a big word we’re going to talk about in this series: “Limitless.” What do you think “limitless” means? Is it like an endless jar of cookies? Or a video game level that never ends? Let’s watch this cool video for a glimpse into this incredible concept!

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

**Leader:** Today, we’re going to talk about something that is definitely “Limitless” - God’s love. God’s love is greater than anything you can imagine. The Bible tells us that God’s love is limitless. But what does “limitless” love really mean?

We will learn all about that today. Right now, it’s time to find out “Whatchagaddaknow.”

**(play “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video)**



## CHARACTER SKIT

**Character: “Justin Time”** *(He’s a nervous type, always in a rush and worried about being late for things and forgetting things. He should wear a HUGE watch - the bigger the better - and always be checking the time.)*

**J:** *(As he is rushing in, his alarm is going off! Make sure the alarm sound is really funny!)* Phew! I made it just in time. I thought I was going to be late. Can’t be late! Not gonna happen! To be on time is so sublime!

**Leader:** Um, hello?

**J:** SHHHHH! I am setting my next alarm. *(speaks into his phone)* Please set my alarm for 7 o’clock and remind me that I need to stop by the store and get milk and bread and a Diet Dr. Pepper for Mom. *(After alarm is set)* I simply cannot forget that Diet Dr. Pepper!

**Leader:** Who are you?

**J:** Oh, yes, sorry! Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Justin. Justin Time. I am the son of a clockmaker. My father is the son of a clockmaker, and his father, my great grandfather, is the son of a clockmaker. His son, my great great grandfather is...

**Leader:** The son of a clockmaker?

**J:** Oh goodness. Yes! How did you know that?

**Leader:** Well, I’m a very good listener. But I have a question.

**J:** Yes?

**Leader:** Are you a clockmaker?

**J:** Oh, goodness, no. With all the new technology and gadgets coming out today, people really don’t want old fashioned clocks anymore. It’s sad, but I guess we all have to move along with the times. I do, however, repair clocks! It keeps me busy. In fact, if someone needs a clock repaired, it’s now a three week wait.

**Leader:** Sounds like you need more time in your day. But we all have the same amount of time in every day!

**J:** More time? That would be great! Maybe if we had 30 hours per day. That’s only six more hours each day, but it would make a huge difference! Wait, what if time was LIMITLESS? Oh wow! Just think about that!

**Leader:** Limitless? I don’t know about that. I think God did it right when He gave us 24 hour days. He always knows what’s best for us.

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## CHARACTER SKIT

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**J:** Yeah, yeah. But just think about it. (*Looking up as if daydreaming*) We would have all the time we need to do all the things we need and want to do! I could eat ten meals a day and repair countless clocks that are waiting for my attention! Oh my!

**Leader:** I still don’t like the idea of time being limitless, at least not here and with these bodies. We would wear out fast! We try to do too much now with the limited awake hours we have. I think it would bring more stress and problems.

**J:** Oh, you are not seeing the picture here. You could sleep when you need to sleep because you would have all of those other hours to get stuff done. And if time was limitless, we could never really be late. I hate being late for anything! There is nothing worse in life than being late.

**Leader:** Oh, I can think of some things that are worse! Getting a cheeseburger and the meat is missing, sneezing so hard that snot and boogers go everywhere, having to go to the bathroom really bad at a friend’s house but then the toilet won’t flush!

**J:** Okay! Whoa! I see your point. I just wish you could see the big picture here... Limitless time! (*Looks at his watch and sighs*).

**Leader:** We are starting a new series today called “Limitless,” and today, we are learning about God’s love.

**J:** What does God’s love have to do with the word “limitless”?

**Leader:** We are learning that God’s love has no boundaries. His love never ends! He loves everyone and will do all He can do to make sure people know it.

**J:** Limitless love? I don’t know about that. I can see loving ice cream forever! Or loving pizza forever! What about loving broccoli forever? Yummy! But loving people forever? That’s a tough one.

**Leader:** Well, with God, nothing is impossible. It’s just who He is!

**J:** (*Looking at his HUGE watch*) And I will tell you who I am... I am LATE! I need to run now. If mom does not get her Diet Dr. Pepper on time... let’s just say she will not be happy. It’s good to meet everyone. My name is Justin Time, and never forget that “being on time is so sublime!” (*Yells as he is leaving*) I’m coming, mom!

(Exits while his theme music plays)



# **GAME TIME**

## **“Balloon Bounce”**

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

Two large balloons

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### **Preparation:**

Inflate the balloons and tie them. Choose two teams with an equal number of children on each team.

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### **How To Play:**

Group the teams and spread them apart. Give one balloon to each team. When you say, “GO!” the team members must hit their balloon in the air using only ONE hand. However, they are not allowed to hit the balloon more than once in a row. Each hit must be from a different player on the team.

The team that keeps their balloon bouncing in the air the longest is declared the winner!



# Bible Story

## “Jesus and Nicodemus”

### Materials Needed:

The graphic slides for Lesson 1; 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 John 3; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

### The Story:

Today’s Bible Story is found in the Gospel of John, chapter 3. There was a man named Nicodemus who was a very important man in Jesus’ time. He was what was known as a “Pharisee.” The Pharisees were the religious leaders of that time. Pharisees knew a lot about the scriptures – what we would now call the Old Testament. They went to the synagogue, or church, regularly. They were respected by all the Jewish people.

Nicodemus came to Jesus at night, after it was very dark. This was most likely because he did not want to be seen talking to Jesus. He was afraid of what the other religious leaders, the ones who hated Jesus, would think. (*begin “sneaking” as you tell the story*) So Nicodemus sneaked very carefully through the town and found Jesus. (*show pic*)

Nicodemus met with Jesus and asked Him about what it would take to receive salvation. He had very specific questions. Jesus knew that Nicodemus was a “good” man, a Pharisee. Jesus knew that Nicodemus had served people, done good deeds, and been to church more times than most people could count. But Jesus spoke very directly to Nicodemus. (*show pic*)

Jesus said, “Unless you are born again, you can never see the Kingdom of God.” This was very confusing to Nicodemus. (*show pic*) So Nicodemus asked, “How can an old man go back into his mother’s womb and be born again?” Nicodemus was thinking, “Does Jesus want me to crawl back into my mommy’s tummy? That would be impossible. I wouldn’t fit since I am so big and old now!”

But Jesus explained that God can give NEW life. Even though we are all born in a natural, human way from our mothers, when we receive salvation from God, we are given a brand new spiritual life. All of our sins are forgiven! We are BORN AGAIN! Then, Jesus said something incredible. It was a statement that demonstrated just how LIMITLESS God’s love really is! (*show pic*) Jesus said, “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”

Nicodemus learned something very important that day! Jesus is God’s Son who came to make a way for *everyone* to go to Heaven! Because of God’s limitless love, every person can be forgiven of their sin! Listen carefully to your lesson today, and you’re going to learn that “God’s Love Is Limitless!”





# Call To Action

## “God’s LOVE Is Limitless”

### Materials Needed:

The “God’s LOVE Is Limitless” graphics; a “Lota Bowl” (an illusion that can be purchased online or at your local magic store); a large glass jar; water

### Preparation:

Begin with the slide titled, “God’s LOVE Is Limitless”; Fill the “Lota Bowl” up with water ahead of time.



The Message: (title slide)

Today, we started a brand new series called, “Limitless.” This is a series in which we are going to learn some incredible things about God that are truly “Limitless.” Any guess what the first thing we are learning about God is? (allow response) You’re right! God’s LOVE!

God’s love is so much different than the love of a human being. We have limits to our love. We can only love so much. But God’s love is LIMITLESS! There are several things about God’s limitless love that the Bible teaches us about....



God’s Love is Deep (slide)

Remember when you were first learning to swim? You would stand on the edge of the pool and look down at the deep end. Even though it was only six or eight feet deep, it seemed SOOO much deeper than that. And then you made your first trip to the ocean. How many of you have been to see the ocean? (allow response) The ocean goes on as far as your eyes can see, right? It’s so big that even boats and ships look tiny when they’re far away on the water. Well, the ocean is actually way, way deeper than it looks from the shore. Scientists have discovered spots in the ocean that are so deep, you could stack more than four Mount Everests on top of each other and still not reach the surface! Just like it’s hard for us to really understand how truly deep the ocean is, God’s love is even deeper than we can possibly imagine.

Imagine you’re a fish swimming in the ocean. No matter which way you go—left, right, up, down—you’re always surrounded by water. In the same way, God’s love surrounds us, wherever we are, whatever we’re doing. Even when we make mistakes, or when we’re feeling sad or lonely, God’s love is there, like an endless ocean. It’s so deep, so wide, and so full, it covers us completely. And the best part is - God’s love never runs out; it’s always there for each and every one of us.

Paul wrote in *Ephesians 3:18* about how we need God’s help to understand “how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.” God’s love is deep! Not only that, but...

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# Call To Action

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## God’s Love Never Ends *(slide)*



It’s true! God’s love never ends! *(hold up the Lota Bowl)* We are going to let this bowl represent God. The water inside will represent God’s “limitless” love. *(hold up the empty glass jar)* This glass jar will represent you and me!

God wants to pour His love into our lives. *(pour the water from the Lota Bowl into the jar until the water stops flowing)* It is such a wonderful thing to experience God’s love and forgiveness. *(as you talk about God’s love, place the Lota Bowl back down on a flat surface so it can automatically “refill” itself with water)* Now, you might think God gave you all the love He has, but guess what? *(begin to pour more water out of the Lota Bowl into the glass jar)* God has even more love to give to you. His love never runs out - even when we think it’s all gone.

*(repeat this same process multiple times; every time show that the water appears to be all gone and unable to pour more...then pour more “love” to show that it truly does never end)* See! The bowl has more water! Just like God’s love is always there for us, even when we think we’re all out of chances or that nobody cares. God’s love never ends! It is “Limitless!”

Always remember - whenever you’re feeling lonely, empty, or even when you’ve done something wrong, God’s love is like this never-ending bowl. It never runs out, and it’s always there for you, filling you up whenever you need it.

Maybe you’re hearing about God’s limitless love for the first time today. You might be thinking to yourself, “Is it possible for me to experience God’s limitless love? Could His love really be meant for someone like me?” I have great news for you...

## God’s Love Is For Everyone *(slide)*



God cares about EVERY person - ALL people - exactly the same! God wants to have a relationship with every single person. In fact, that’s why Jesus came to Earth! Remember our PowerVerse? “For God so loved *the world* that he gave his one and only Son, that *whoever* believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” God loves EVERYONE and gives EVERYONE - ALL of us - a chance to have a relationship with Him. God’s limitless love is here for you today!

## ALTAR RESPONSE *(play soft music)*

Pray for the children to always remember that God loves everyone with a LIMITLESS love. Pray for those that need to experience God’s love for the first time - that they would receive Jesus as their personal Savior.



**Materials Needed:**

“REWIND!” Lesson 1 Graphics; “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:** “God Loves Me With A Limitless Love!”

**2. What is the name of the Pharisee who came to Jesus at night?**

**Answer:** Nicodemus

**3. True or False: Nicodemus let his friends know he was going to see Jesus.**

**Answer:** False

**4. Do we have to become babies again in order to be “born again”?**

**Answer:** No

**5. True or False: “Born Again” means God gives us new life through Jesus.**

**Answer:** True

**6. What attribute of God did we learn about today?**

**Answer:** His Love

**7. According to our lesson today, “God’s Love Is \_\_\_\_\_.”**

**Answer:** Deep

**8. According to our lesson today, “God’s Love Never \_\_\_\_\_.”**

**Answer:** Ends

**9. According to our lesson today, “God’s Love Is For \_\_\_\_\_.”**

**Answer:** Everyone

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

**Answer:** John 3:16