

Hang on Loop for the Loop

We Love Jesus
Week 2 / A Kingdom of Love



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Small Group Leaders Lead

Small Group Icebreaker (5 min.)

- **Introduce** yourself. **Welcome** students by name. **Check in** with them to see how they're doing.
- Icebreaker: **What would be the hardest, messiest, or strangest thing to do upside down?**

Welcome (30 sec.)

- Welcome everyone and say our three simple Loop rules: **Respect your leaders. Respect each other. Respect the room.**
- Invite everyone to stand for worship.

Transition to Episode (30 sec.)

- Get students excited for this week's episode of *The Loop Show!*
On this week's Loop Show, we'll learn about God's kingdom. And Ricky & Jayme try an upside-down challenge! What do those things have to do with one another? Only one way to find out—let's watch it now!

Offering and Announcements (2 min.)

- **Recap** teaching in one sentence.
- **Celebrate** hands raised during the salvation video.
- **Show** the spot where students can give their tithes and offerings.
- **Pray** for tithes and offerings.
- **Say:** Who can you think of who might like to join you at Loop next week? **Invite** them! Loop's always more fun with more friends. We'd love to see them here with you next week.
- **Transition** to Activity.

Activity (10 min.)

Game Objective

Build a creative structure that will stay the same and hold its shape even if flipped upside down.

You'll Need

Pipe cleaners (10 per group)
Craft sticks (10 per group)
Paper bag (1 per group)
Roll of tape (1 per group)
Cardstock paper (3 sheets per group)
Set of markers (1 per group)

Set Up

1. **Place** 10 pipe cleaners, 10 craft sticks, and 1 roll of tape inside a paper bag. **Make one bag like this for each small group** at your service.

How to Play

Say: Today, we learned that God's kingdom of love is upside-down compared to so much of the way our world is. And we watched Ricky and Jayme make clever creations which could stay strong—even if they were turned upside down! Are you ready for your own upside-down challenge?

1. **Give** each small group their paper bag filled with supplies, **plus** 3 sheets of cardstock paper and a set of markers.

Say: When I tell you it's time, each group will use the materials in front of you to create your own upside-down challenge creations. We'll celebrate a few types of winners when time's up. Here are the categories:

- Tallest structure
- Best use of materials
- Best story behind your structure
- Most stable when flipped upside down
2. On your word, groups **build** their structure.
3. When time's almost up, **stop** building. Groups **present** their structures to the rest of the room.
 - They tell you any story or details they want to point out about their structure.
 - They must flip the structure to test how upside-down proof it is!
4. **Celebrate** each structure and **choose** winners. Feel free to award more prizes like "Judges Choice," "Honorable Mention," etc.

Small Group Discussion (10 min.)

Today's Main Idea

Jesus described God's kingdom and how we can participate in it.

Review Today's Big Question

What's your part to play in God's kingdom?

Review Today's Bible Verse

- **Locate Bibles** in the room, **look up** the verse together, and **talk about** what's the same and what's different if it's in a different translation.

Romans 8:37-39 NIRV ... *We owe it all to Christ, who has loved us. I am absolutely sure that not even death or life can separate us from God's love. Not even angels or demons, the present or the future, or any powers can separate us. Not even the highest places or the lowest, or anything else in all creation can separate us. Nothing at all can ever separate us from God's love. That's because of what Christ Jesus our Lord has done.*

- What do you find interesting or even surprising about today's Bible verse?

More Questions to Keep Your Group Talking

- What stood out to you the most from today's *Loop Show*? What's one thing you learned?
- What do you think is good about God's kingdom of love? What do you think is challenging about it?
- Why do you think people say God's kingdom can feel upside-down from what people usually think is right?
- Why do you think God gave everyone different abilities, talents, interests, and gifts? What would happen if everyone tried to have the same talents and gifts?
- Who can you talk to when you have questions about God's upside-down way of living?

Pray Together

Check in with your group. How are they doing? Anything they want to ask or thank God for? Pray together!

Leader Tip

Ever have a student who needs more support than you're able to give? Reach out to your LifeKids staff right away and ask for help from a LifeKids Buddy! Buddies can step in to offer sensory support and all sorts of other strategies to make sure that every Loopster's needs are met.



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No activity supplement needed for this week.