

# Hang on Loop for the Loop

These Are My People  
Week 3 / The People Near You



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Small Group Leaders Lead

## Small Group Icebreaker (8 min.)

- **Introduce** yourself. **Welcome** students by name. **Check in** with them to see how they're doing.
- **Ask** students to share one funny thing that's already happened to them today (or that happened this week).
- Icebreaker: **What's a great specially flavored lemonade you've had or would like to try? Bonus points if you invent a new flavor!**

## 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!*  
*This week on The Loop Show, we're learning how God helps us show love to our communities. And what in the world is "onion-ade"?! Count down with me: Loop Show in 3 ... 2 ... 1 ...*

## 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.)

### Activity Objective

Catch the most lemons in your pitcher.

### You'll Need

Bag of artificial lemons (15 lemons in bag per group)  
Plastic pitcher (1 per group)

### Set Up

1. Check to make sure there are 15 lemons in each group's bag.
2. Divide into small groups to play as teams.

### How to Play

**Say:** We got to watch Ricky and Jayme sample mystery Kool-Aid at the Loop Show Lemonade Stand today. So, just for fun, we're going to have a lemon-tossing lemonade competition right now!

1. **Give** each group a pitcher and a bag of lemons.
2. Groups **choose** one person to be the catcher.
3. Catchers **line** up about 10 feet away from groups, holding the pitcher
4. On your word, groups **toss** their lemons to catchers, taking turns one at a time. Each group member must toss at least one lemon.
5. Catchers must catch the lemon in their pitcher **without moving** their feet.
6. When groups have tossed all lemons, **count** to see how many made it into the pitchers and **celebrate** with the group that had the most lemons!
7. As time allows, **reset** and play again. Try any of these variations for fun:

### Variation Ideas!

- Sudden Elimination: First team with 5 lemons in their pitcher wins.
- All at Once: Groups throw all lemons at one time. (Students may have to hold several lemons each.)
- Designated Tosser: Each group chooses their best lemon tosser to play for them. Everyone else cheers them on.
- Statue Catcher: Catcher has to hold the pitcher perfectly still and cannot move at all.
- Backward Lemons: Tossers have to turn around and toss over their shoulder without looking.

## Small Group Discussion (10 min.)

### Today's Main Idea

God calls us to love everyone in our community.

### Review Today's Big Question

Who is one person you want to pray for this week?

### 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.

**Galatians 6:2 NIV** *Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.*

- What's a simple, everyday way you could "carry someone's burden" at home or school?
- Who can you go to when you are dealing with something difficult and you need help?

### 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?
- *Agape* is about loving people without expecting anything back. What's one example of *agape* love you've seen someone show recently?
- What's a kind thing someone once did for you that you didn't expect? How did it make you feel?
- As a group, come up with a plan for how you will remember to pray for your person from today's big question.

### Pray Together

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

## Leader Tip

Does your group ever struggle to focus and talk in small group discussion time? Try movement! Stand up and sit back down before every question. Try sensory support! Offer sensory fidget items for students to hold. Try a volume change! Have group lean in and whisper your discussion. Sometimes a small change can unlock a student's ability to focus and connect.