

DAY 1 – LOVE LIKE YOU MEAN IT

Get Ready to Rock

To get ready, you'll need:

- ✓ Stuffed Sheep
- ✓ A manger and a baby doll (optional)
- ✓ Questions cut out from page 6
- ✓ Star made of poster-board (sparkly)
- ✓ Inflatable Guitar(s)

Watch your resource DVD. Here are the motions for the Daily Bible Point:



LOVE



Like you Mean It

Strike a Chord: Script

(Welcome each child as they enter with high fives; make sure to read their name tags and greet them all as VIPs- you can even pretend to check them on your clipboard)

Hey, lil' rockers, and welcome to the Back Stage experience! This is an important time for you as a band because this is your time to get to know more about the greatest Star of all time: Jesus! Now Jesus had thousands of fans, performed miracles, raised people from the

Jesus the Rock Star

This is the Christmas story with a twist! We are talking about Jesus' birth, but as an act of daring love, and the first step in the plan to save us. Jesus had it made up in heaven: streets of gold, angels everywhere, no sin or evil, no hunger or crying. But he gave it all up to come down to earth, into the gritty mess of our lives, to Shine God's love and Light on all of us! That is love: an unstoppable force that was proved by His death and resurrection.

Crank it up a Notch

Kids will get to act out the Bible story of Jesus coming to earth. You will assign them certain parts in the nativity story! Have some stuffed sheep hidden out of site until it is time for their little drama. Then, bring them out as a surprise prop! You will talk to them about how much Jesus must have loved us, to be born in a barn. You will try to think of ways they can show their love to people they know.

As you speak, move from side to side. When standing up, speak loudly, but then bend down to be on eye level, and speak softly!

dead; I mean He was incredible! Do you all like superheroes? And Rock stars? He was like them, only better! His fans followed Him across hundreds of miles, on foot! And He even formed his own little band of special followers called Disciples. These 12 guys were with Jesus all of the time, eating with Him, hanging out with Him- I wish I could have been one of them. But we still do get to be one of them! Even though Jesus isn't here, and we can't see Him, we can still be a part of His band! And we are on tour to save the world! Because that is what Jesus tells us to do! We aren't going to believe people that say we're too small or we can't do it: we are going to change the world! We are going to change people's lives by Shining God's light! Imagine being hungry; and then someone gives you food! That's world changing! Imagine being sad and lonely; and someone gives you a flower! That's world changing!

Game Time!

So, Jesus came to Earth to Shine God's light. To get started, we are going to get warmed up! **On your feet!** Stretch out a little bit, and now, we are going to play some air guitar! (Play air guitar and jump up and down for 20 sec). Now, let's try playing some drums! (Pretend to play drums for about 20 sec). Now, pretend you have a microphone, and jump up and down and sing! (Jump up and down; sing into your micr!) That reminds me of a song:

Grab your Guitar *(tune is Twinkle Twinkle Little Star)*

Grab your drum and grab your guitar, Going on tour, gonna be a star!

Shining God's Light Wherever we Go! Telling everyone Jesus loves them so!

Grab your drum and grab your guitar, sit down and learn how to be a star!

Video Time!

PLAY video. Do the motions when directed with the kids

Script continued

Wow! Did you hear what the band instruments were talking about? Jesus was a King! He was up in heaven! He had everything He could want, but He loved us so much: He proved it!

Crank it up a Notch

Kids will act out the skit, which there is a modified version of on page 7. Encourage them along the way to feel some of the wonder, excitement and even fear the shepherds must have felt. Talk about how loud the angels must have sung! What a great concert! Then, review why Jesus came to earth: to show us He loved us. Then, have the children gather with just their small group (band members). They are going to come up with ideas to "Love Like You Mean It"! Cut out questions below. Give two pieces of paper with questions to the band managers. Each group will work together to answer the questions. Then they can switch questions with other bands! Instruct the band managers to pray after they are done.

Your friend is sad because they lost their favorite toy. You have two toys just like it. How do you Love Like you Mean It?

Your neighbor broke her leg. They love to garden, but they can't plant their new flowers. How do you Love Like You Mean it?

Your mom is busy trying to clean the house because your grandparents are coming over. How do you Love Like You Mean It?

Your friend comes over to play, but all they want to do is play with your favorite toy.

You hear about children in Africa who don't have enough to eat. People at church are collecting money to feed them. How do you Love Like You Mean It?

You are going to the toy store when you remember that some children don't have a lot of toys.
How do you Love Like You Mean

You get toys for your birthday! You like them more than some of your old toys, and you know that kids need toys. How do you Love Like You Mean It?

Your brother is sad. His friend cannot come over to play. How do you Love Like You Mean It?

The first thing you need to know is this: being a shepherd was really boring. You watched sheep eat grass. (get out the sheep!) And then after that, you watched sheep walk around. Then you got to watch sheep eat more grass. Then you got to watch sheep walk around again. Maybe they would walk faster if they thought the grass was good enough. Then, you got to watch them sit down. Then they ate some more grass. In fact, the only thing more boring than being a shepherd was being a shepherd at night! Cuz then, you got to see sheep sleep. Maybe they'd wake up and turn around a few times, but then they'd go back to sleep. So, not the best of jobs, and you can imagine, there weren't great and powerful people who opted to be shepherds. They were normal people, like the kind of people who get to be bored with their jobs today. They weren't special; they were just like you and me. But they were special the night that Jesus was born. Jesus had come to save us from the "ordinary", and he really had a surprise in store for these guys!

So in the Bible, it says "that night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified,"

Well, DUH! These guys never see anything! And now they are witnessing all of heaven and it's angels break loose in a burst of light and sound! And then

"the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."

Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, "Glory to God in highest heaven,
and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

And these angels weren't just humming a tune or singing to karaoke; they were rocking out. They were loud, they were excited, and they were singing "Glory to God" for changing the world by sending Jesus, God's son, to change all of history! They weren't shy about it. They weren't unsure about it. They rocked out in a concert for the shepherds they would never forget. There were lights, the biggest of them a huge, gigantic star in the sky that shone right over where Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

And so when the shepherds finished hearing this amazing concert, and felt in their hearts that Jesus was God's son, they raced to Bethlehem to see Him. They found Him, and then told everyone they knew what they had seen. They were instant fans of the little baby, and they let everyone know that they had seen the Savior of the world!