

BOTTOM LINE: Wait (tap pretend watch) with a happy (point to smile) heart! (both hands over heart)
MEMORY VERSE: Love (arms crossed across your chest) never (crisscross arms in front) fails (let bent arms fall to your to your side). 1 Corinthians 13:8 NlrV
BIBLE STORY: God asking Abraham to move • Genesis 12:1-8

Before kids arrive, pray for each regular attendee by name. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Pray that kids would start to see how God's love can change everything. Ask God to encourage the kids to focus on showing His love to others throughout the week. Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

COLORSHEET

ACTIVITY #1 - MEMORY VERSE WITH MOTIONS

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed.

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Say the memory verse and do the motions in front of the children. Love (arms crossed across your chest) never (crisscross arms in front) fails (let bent arms fall to your to your side). 1 Corinthians 13:8 NlrV

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Say the verse again with the motions and invite the children to do it with you. Repeat several times.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: I'm going to say our new memory verse. Everyone, watch me! Love (arms crossed across your chest) never (crisscross arms in front) fails (let bent arms fall to your to your side). 1 Corinthians 13:8 NlrV

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Now, let's do it together! Are you ready? Love (arms crossed across your chest) never (crisscross arms in front) fails (let bent arms fall to your to your side). 1 Corinthians 13:8 NlrV

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Our memory verse tells us that love never fails! [Bottom Line] We can Wait with a happy heart, because love never fails.

ACTIVITY #2 - RED LIGHT

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Have the children stand about 15 feet in front of you.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Instruct the children to walk toward you when you say, "Green light." Instruct the children to stop walking and freeze when you say, "Red light." Continue the activity until the children have reached you.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: We're going to play a game where you have to wait for me to tell you when to go.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Everyone listen to me and follow what I say. When I say, 'Green light,' you may walk toward me. When I say, 'Red light,' then you stop, freeze and WAIT for me to say Green light again! Let's see who can touch me first! *(Do activity.)*

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: You did a great job WAITING! In our Bible Story today we're going to here about a man named Abraham who waited with a happy heart!

SMALL GROUP TIME

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): It's Small Group time! Let's warm up our engines! Let's all stand up *(Everyone stands)*. I will call out a race motion for you to do, but you have to WAIT until I say "GO" before you start *(Leader will demonstrate each motion before saying "GO")*. Steer your racecar. Ready, set, GO! *(Kids pretend to steer car)*. Slide on the race track. Ready, set, GO! *(Kids slide back and forth)*. Speed down the track. Ready, set, GO! *(Kids run in place)* Park your car in the garage. Ready, set, GO! *(Kids sit down in spot)*.

Great job waiting for me to say "Go"! When you WAIT WITH A HAPPY HEART, you are showing love to others AND to God!

In the Bible Story today, God told Abraham to go to a new land. As they walked and walked, did Abraham get mad and pout, or did he WAIT WITH A HAPPY HEART? He waited with a happy heart! Does God want us to show LOVE to others? Yes, and one way we can show love to others is by waiting with a happy heart! We can always wait with a happy heart no matter what because, just like our verse says:

Love never fails *(Close Bible and lay it down.)*

Let's stand up and say that together with the motions.

CHILDREN AND SGL: Love *(arms crossed across your chest)* never *(crisscross arms in front)* fails *(let bent arms fall to your to your side)*

SGL: Great Job! Let's all sit back down so we can pray.

PRAYER

SGL: Dear God, thank You for loving us so that we can love you and others. Thank you that we can wait with happy hearts. You are SO good, God! And we love You! In Jesus' name, amen.