

Hikers - February

Theme Points



Theme: Jesus LOVES children!

Central Question: Does God love us all the time?

We live by the Bible...

What is the Bible?

What does it tell us?

What does it teach us?

We learn...

It's God's book!

Who God is!

How to live!

Theme Points...

Genesis 4:2-23 – God made Adam & Eve
Mark 10:13-16 – Jesus blesses the children.

God is love!

I love God!

Memory Verse: Psalm 86:13 *God's love for me is very great!*

Key Point: God made Adam and Eve and He loved them. God made you and He loves you too. Jesus' love is with you all the time and everywhere. When you are awake or asleep Jesus loves you. When you are at home or in the car Jesus loves you. When you make good choices or bad choices Jesus loves you. His love sticks to you like glue! His love is always with you.

For Teachers: *El Rachum* means God of compassion or mercy. God used it in Exodus 34:6-7 when he descended from Mount Sinai and declared His name. The noun *rachem* means "womb" in Hebrew, indicating that God's compassion is like a mother's deep love for her child. The word *chanun* (from *chen*, grace or favor) indicates that God is a graceful giver who is favorably disposed to help those in need. God is compassionate and favorable to those who call upon Him.

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Class Schedule – to be done each week



Free Play (15-20 minutes)

Worship – 1-2 song videos

Snack – Children can have two small helpings of goldfish (use the snack scoop) and water.

Lesson – Teach the lesson while the children are eating snack. They are already sitting and ready to listen! See the weekly sheets attached for each lesson.

Transition Activity – Do the following activity: Tell the children that when God created the plants and animals He spoke and they came to be. When God made the first person, Adam, He gathered the dust to form a person and breathed into it to give Adam life. This was different than when He made plants and animals. People are special. Make a person out of play dough. This is like when God made Adam out of dust. Ask the children: "When I breathe on the play dough can I make it come alive?" Let the children blow on the play dough person. We aren't powerful enough to make it come alive. Only God can give life. God gives us life because He loves us.

Hiker Challenge – Use play dough with the cookie cutters. Talk about places where God loves you.

Hikers – Week 1

Bible Time

Mighty Mouse



Teacher: Look who's here. It's Mighty Mouse!

Mighty Mouse: I'm mighty because I know the Bible.

Mighty Mouse: What is the Bible?

What does it tell us?

What does it teach us?

Kids Respond: It's God's book!

Who God is!

How to live!

Mighty Mouse: Let's say the memory verse together. (Have the children take turns shining the flashlight on the memory verse. Say the verse and encourage the children to say it with you.) Psalm 86:13 *God's love for me is very great!* Let's listen while your teacher reads from the Bible.

(Teacher reads the Bible story.)

Mighty Mouse:

- Jesus loved all the children who came to see him. He loves you, too! He loves you so much that His love sticks to you everywhere you go. (Ask children questions such as "Melinda, does God love you at the grocery store?" "Carson, does God love you at school?")
- There's a letter in our Trail Log from a friend. Let's read it.

Trail Log Entry (Show the children the picture and read the entry from the Trail Log book.)



Dear Trail Log,

Hi! I'm Katie. My kindergarten class took a hike in the woods today. There were buckets on the trees to collect sap. We all touched the sap and it was sticky. I tried to wipe the sap off on my pants but then my pants got sticky! My teacher told me that God's love is sticky like sap. It sticks to us everywhere we go. God made us and He loves us. What I want to know is this: does the Bible say anything about God's love?

Mighty Mouse: Lots of things are sticky. Katie's teacher told her that God's love is sticky. Let's tell Katie our memory verse so that she will know about God's love. (Shine the flashlight on the memory verse.) Psalm 86:13 *God's love for me is very great!*

Mighty Mouse: Great job, kids! That will really help Katie. I need to go home now.

Teacher: Bye Mighty Mouse.

Hikers - Week 2

Bible Time

Mighty Mouse



Teacher: Look who's here. It's Mighty Mouse!

Mighty Mouse: I'm mighty because I know the Bible.

Mighty Mouse: What is the Bible?

What does it tell us?

What does it teach us?

Kids Respond: It's God's book!

Who God is!

How to live!

Mighty Mouse: Let's say the memory verse together. (Have the children take turns shining the flashlight on the memory verse. Say the verse and encourage the children to say it with you.) Psalm 86:13 *God's love for me is very great!* Let's listen while your teacher reads from the Bible.

(Teacher reads the Bible story.)

Mighty Mouse:

- Jesus loved all the children who came to see him. He loves you, too! He loves you so much that His love is everywhere you go. (Ask children questions such as "Melinda, does God love you at the grocery store?" "Carson, does God love you at school?")
- There's a letter in our Trail Log from a friend. Let's read it.

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Dear Trail Log,

Hi! My name is Daniel. My grandpa and I spend lots of time together. We love the woods. Today we went hiking. I walked through the bushes around the pond and I got burdocks stuck all over me. Have you ever seen burdocks? When it gets on your clothes you have to pull off every single piece. It really sticks!

Grandpa told me that I should remember that God's love is sticky. You can never pull it off! I wasn't sure about that. Grandpa said God made me and He loves me. He told me that I should look in my Bible and see what it says about God's love. I left my Bible at home. Do you know what the Bible says about God's love?

Mighty Mouse: God's love sticks to us just like burdocks stuck to Daniel. Let's tell Daniel our memory verse so that he will know about God's love. (Shine the flashlight on the memory verse.) Psalm 86:13 *God's love for me is very great!*

Mighty Mouse: Great job, kids! That will really help Daniel. I need to go home now.

Teacher: Bye Mighty Mouse.

Hikers - Week 3

Bible Time

Mighty Mouse



Teacher: Look who's here. It's Mighty Mouse!

Mighty Mouse: I'm mighty because I know the Bible.

Mighty Mouse: What is the Bible?

What does it tell us?

What does it teach us?

Kids Respond: It's God's book!

Who God is!

How to live!

Mighty Mouse: Let's say the memory verse together. (Have the children take turns shining the flashlight on the memory verse. Say the verse and encourage the children to say it with you.) Psalm 86:13 *God's love for me is very great!* Let's listen while your teacher reads from the Bible.

(Teacher reads the Bible story.)

Mighty Mouse:

- Jesus loved all the children who came to see him. He loves you, too! He loves you so much that His love sticks to you everywhere you go. (Ask children questions such as "Melinda, does God love you at the grocery store?" "Carson, does God love you at school?")
- There's a letter in our Trail Log from a friend. Let's read it.

Trail Log Entry (Show the children the picture and read the entry from the Trail Log book.)



Dear Trail Log,

Yeah! It's February break! This is Tristen and Lisa. Today we hiked out to this lean-to by the pond. On the trail we tried to climb some trees. One of them was a pine tree. It looked like it would be good for climbing but we ended up with sap all over us. Now we're sticky from head to foot. Dad said he would throw us in the pond, but he was only kidding. It's way too cold for a swim. Some other people who were hiking said that sticky sap can remind us about *God's love* because *God's love sticks to us wherever we go*. *God made us and He loves us. We never heard that before. What we want to know is this - Does the Bible say anything about God's love?*

Mighty Mouse: The Bible is the best place to find answers to our questions about God. Our memory verse comes from the Bible. Let's tell Tristen and Lisa our memory verse so that they will know about *God's love*. (Shine the flashlight on the memory verse.) Psalm 86:13 *God's love for me is very great!*

Mighty Mouse: Great job, kids! That will really help Tristen and Lisa. I need to go home now.

Teacher: Bye Mighty Mouse.

Hikers - Week 4

Bible Time

Mighty Mouse



Teacher: Look who's here. It's Mighty Mouse!

Mighty Mouse: I'm mighty because I know the Bible.

Mighty Mouse: What is the Bible?

What does it tell us?

What does it teach us?

Kids Respond: It's God's book!

Who God is!

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Mighty Mouse: Let's say the memory verse together. (Have the children take turns shining the flashlight on the memory verse. Say the verse and encourage the children to say it with you.) Psalm 86:13 *God's love for me is very great!* Let's listen while your teacher reads from the Bible.

(Teacher reads the Bible story.)

Mighty Mouse:

- Jesus loved all the children who came to see him. He loves you, too! He loves you so much that His love is everywhere you go. (Ask children questions such as "Melinda, does God love you at the grocery store?" "Carson, does God love you at school?")
- There's a letter in our Trail Log from a friend. Let's read it.

Trail Log Entry (Show the children the picture and read the entry from the Trail Log book.)



Dear Trail Log,

I'm Cindy and I've been visiting my cousins this weekend. I really like my cousins, but they don't know much about God. I've been trying to tell them things I learned in children's church. We were all eating ice cream yesterday and it dripped all over us. We all got really sticky. I told my cousins that sticky ice cream is like God's love. God's love sticks to us and is with us wherever we go. God made us and He loves us. They didn't believe me. Maybe you can help me. Do you know what the Bible says about God's love?

See you later. Cindy

Mighty Mouse: I'm so glad that Cindy is telling her cousins about God. You can tell people about God's love by telling them our Bible memory verse. (Shine the flashlight on the memory verse.) Psalm 86:13 *God's love for me is very great!*

Mighty Mouse: Great job, kids! That will really help Cindy. I need to go home now.

Teacher: Bye Mighty Mouse.