

Grades 1-3 Lesson Template

Where	Who and What	What you Need
Classroom	Teacher takes attendance Give students a sticker	Paper on table, check off who is here, put onto the clipboard
	Cut out lyre. Glue popsicle sticks on the top and bottom of the lyre. Add the elastics after large group.	
	Worksheet: How can you serve others?	
Large Group	Large Group Time: Leader is Lorene. She will get you when ready	
Classroom:	Page 52: Group Discussion Questions What make you feel better when you are sad or upset? Does someone serve you? Who? Does it please God when we serve other people? Why? Who have you served? Who can you serve?	Bible Ask Questions
	Add elastic bands to your lyre.	
	Give out new memory verse card to those who don't have one (handed out last week)	Memory Verse cards Frames - if needed



WELCOME Kids

Greet each kid as he or she arrives. Use this time to collect the offering, fill out attendance sheets, build relationships, and help new kids connect to your group.

| **SAY** “ What is your favorite song? Why do you like it so much? ”

1 ACTIVITY PAGE (5 minutes)

Invite kids to complete “Be A Servant” activity page.

| **SAY** “ Today, we will see how David showed kindness to King Saul by serving him. ”

2 SESSION STARTER (10 minutes)

OPTION 1: MAKE A LYRE

Provide each kid with a “Lyre Template” printable. Be sure to print the “lyres” on heavy duty cardstock. Then distribute two craft sticks, five rubber bands, and glue to each kid. Guide kids to loop one end of the rubber bands on a craft stick. Direct kids to glue the craft stick to the bottom portion of the lyre. Pull the rubber bands taut and loop the other end around the second craft stick. Glue the craft stick to the top of lyre, allowing the rubber bands to serve as the lyre’s “strings.” Once the glue has dried, invite kids to “play” their lyres.

| **SAY** “ Today, we will learn how **DAVID SERVED SAUL AND PLAYED MUSIC TO COMFORT HIM.** The instrument David played for Saul was called the lyre, and it looked similar to the one you created. The musician, like David, would pluck the strings of the lyre to make music. ”

OPTION 2: MUSICAL STATUES



Invite kids to spread out around the room. Begin playing music. When the music begins, invite kids to dance, walk, or act silly. Challenge kids to freeze like a statue and make a sad face when the music stops. Kids who do not freeze and make a sad face are out for the next round. Repeat as time allows.

| **SAY** “ Music can be such fun! When we hear music, we may want to dance, sing, or enjoy its beautiful song. Sometimes when we are sad or discouraged, music can help us feel better. Today, we will learn how King Saul became very upset by an evil spirit. But when David played music for Saul, he would feel much better. Let’s learn how David served Saul. ”





THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

LOVE God by Applying the Story

1 REVIEW & BIBLE SKILLS (5 minutes)

Distribute Bibles, and display the Old Testament Kingdoms Map. Guide kids to open their Bibles to 1 Samuel 16. Tell kids that after David was anointed as king, he returned home to Bethlehem where he shepherded his father's sheep.

Consider pointing out the location of Bethlehem (15) on the Old Testament Kingdoms Map. Choose a volunteer to read aloud 1 Samuel 16:23 or ask the kids to follow along as you read the verse aloud.

SAY 🌟 Saul felt better when David would play the lyre. It would have been easy for David to think that since he would be the next king, he didn't need to serve Saul. But David was humble. He still served Saul and honored God.

David reminds us of Jesus, who showed the greatest service when He died on the cross. The Bible tells us that because believers know the love of Jesus, we should lay down our lives for others (1 John 3:16). This means we serve other people like Jesus served us. 🌟

2 GROUP DISCUSSION (10 minutes)

Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss.

SAY 🌟 What make you feel better when you are sad or upset? Does someone serve you? Who? 🌟

Answers will vary. Discuss how God places people in our lives that He uses to show us love and help us when we are upset. Share how we can also find comfort through the Holy Spirit who prays for believers and encourages them to keep trusting God.

SAY 🌟 Does it please God when we serve other people? Why? 🌟

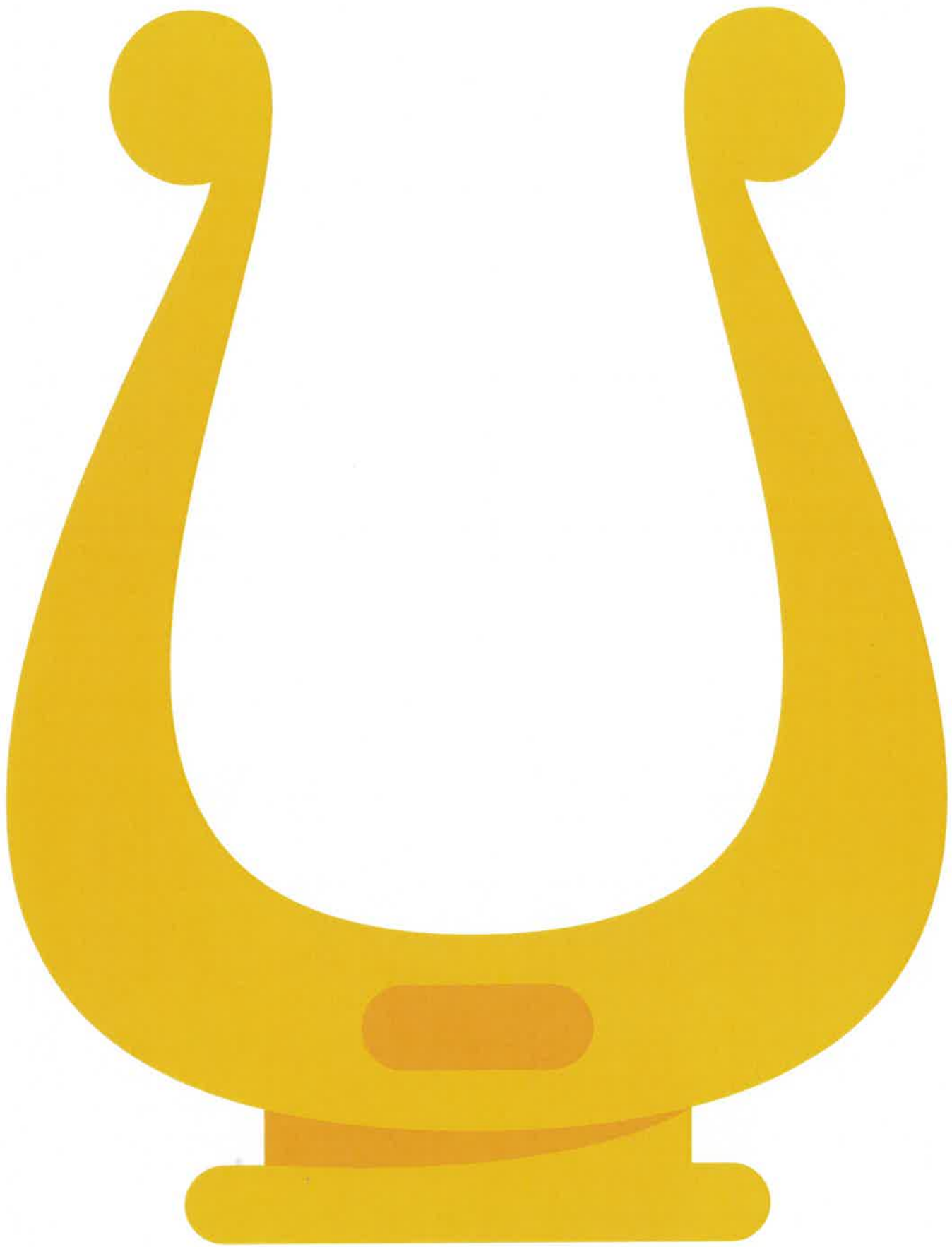
Explain how God is pleased when we serve other people in love because we are modeling the same attitude as Jesus, who did not come to be served but instead gave His life to save people from sin. Encourage kids to remember that serving others is ultimately about glorifying God.

SAY 🌟 Who have you served? Who can you serve? 🌟

Answers will vary. Encourage kids to think about how they can "lay down" their lives by putting others' needs ahead of their own. Tell kids that God provided us with many opportunities to help others. A great place to start is by serving in your home. Ask the adults in your home if there is a way you can help serve them or serve your family. You can also be involved in service at church. Ask your parents, leaders, or other adults for places you can serve. Wherever and however you serve, do it well, out of your love for God and for His glory.

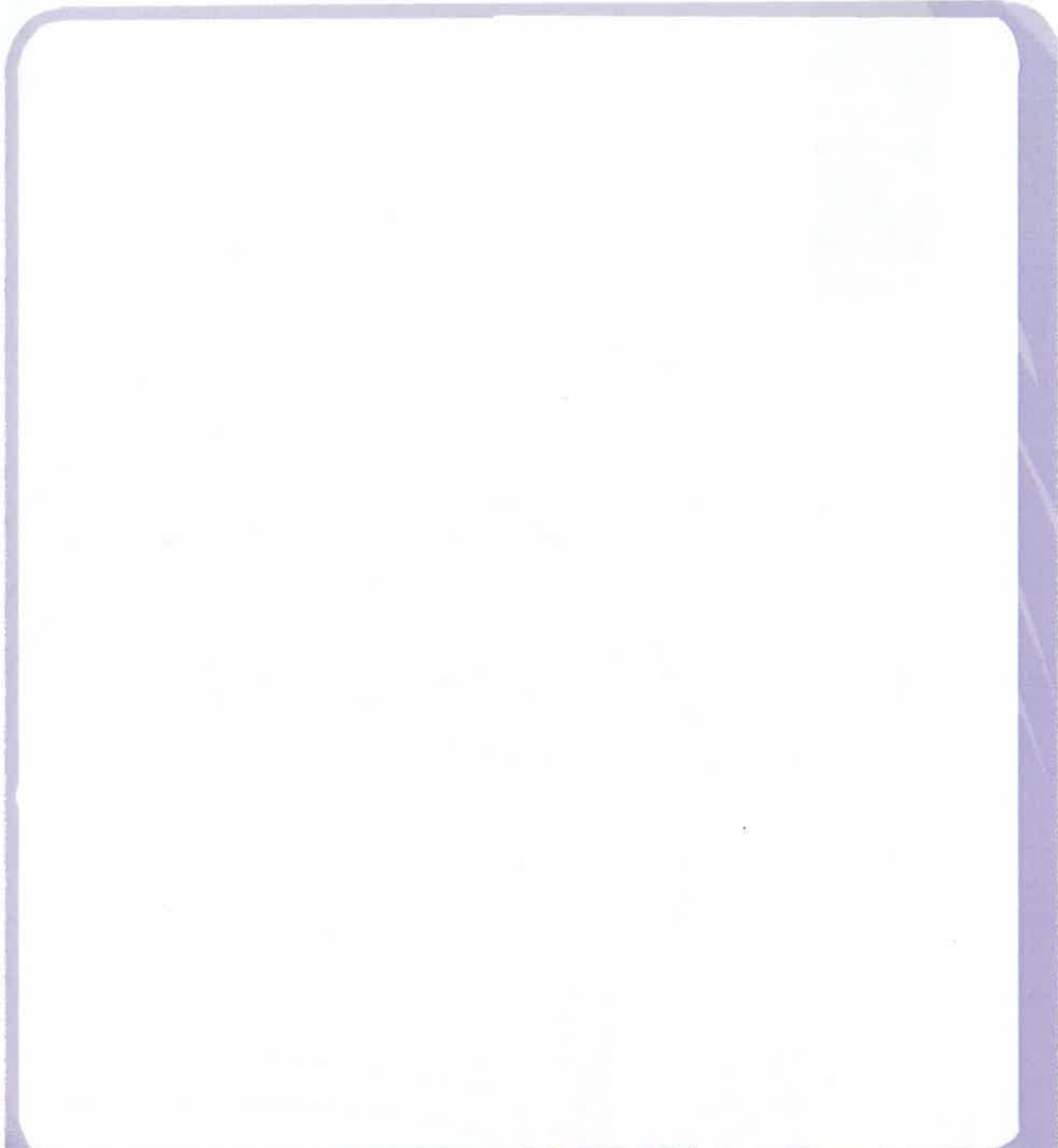
Transition from **LOVE** to **LIVE**





Be A Servant

INSTRUCTIONS: Jesus served people. Draw a picture of how you can serve or care for someone you know.



NAME: _____



David Played for Saul

1 Samuel 16

STORY POINT:

David served Saul and played music to comfort him.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Even though David knew he would be king one day, he served King Saul faithfully. Even though Jesus is God, He humbled Himself and took the form of a servant. He served His disciples by washing their feet, and He served His people by dying on a cross for their sin and rising again.

KEY PASSAGE:

Psalms 103:19

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

Who is our King? Jesus is our King forever, and He rules over the world.



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