

# SUMMER FRIENDSHIP GATHERINGS

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### OBJECT LESSON, DAY 3 – GOD’S LOVE

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- The theme for this summer is, “**HE IS WORTHY.**”
- **Object Lesson – Day 3:** Demonstrate just how big God’s Love is using a couple of buckets and some water.
- **Props to use:**
  - Two large empty clear glasses (at least 8 oz.)
  - One small bucket of water labeled “OUR LOVE” (about 6 oz. of water)
  - One 5-gallon bucket of water labeled “God’s Love” (fill the bucket ½ way)
  - One large sponge
  - A tray to place under the glasses to catch any spilt water

### Object Lesson Script

- Have you ever felt forgotten or unloved? Maybe you have had to endure a long time through the desert of sorts. We’re not talking about a desert with sand and scorching sun, but a time in your life where you felt all alone or forgotten.
- God’s love was always with the Israelites as they traveled through the desert. He led them with a cloud by day and fire by night. Even when things seemed impossible, God’s powerful love opened up the Red Sea.



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- What happened when they ran out of food and water in the desert? Yes! It was God's love that fed millions of people with heavenly food for forty years!
- Today we learned that even when Israel turned their backs on God and worshiped the golden calf, God's still loved them and forgave them. He promised to go with them to the land that He had given them.
- In Psalm 136 it says "***Give thanks to the LORD for His love endures forever.***" This means God's love is never ending. This phrase is repeated 26 times in this Psalm! Do you think God wants us to remember that His love keeps going on forever and ever? Yes!
- Our object lesson today is going to demonstrate that God's love never ends. And that makes Him worthy of our praise and worship.
- Here is a small bucket of water that represents "OUR LOVE" (**hold up the bucket**). The water in this bucket represents Our love. I am going to soak up as much water from the OUR LOVE bucket and ring it out into the glass and try to fill it.
- **Encourage a volunteer to come up and soak up all the water from the bucket and try to ring out the water into the glass. (The glass should not fill up all the way).**
- As you can see the glass isn't all the way full. We are able to give some love, but we are not able to fill the glass completely.

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- Now let's try "GOD'S LOVE" bucket. **(Bring out the 5-gallon bucket of water labeled GOD's LOVE)** Now I am going to soak up as much water to fill the other glass.
- **(Give the sponge to the second volunteer to take the sponge and soak up water from the GOD'S LOVE bucket to fill the other glass)**
- Go ahead and soak up as much water as you can, let it overflow.
- Now this is just a small way to see how much love God has for us. Even this GOD'S LOVE bucket will eventually run out, But God's love never runs out. God's Love endures forever.
- What if we took our sponge and soaked up all the water of a swimming pool. Eventually the pool would run out of water. But God's love endures forever.
- How about the ocean! Even as big as an ocean is, it only holds a certain amount of water. But God's love endures forever.
- Do you see how God's love keeps giving and giving, even to overflowing! It never runs out. God wanted to show His chosen people that they can trust Him to keep loving them.
- God wants to show us that same love. He wants us to know that His love is constant, His love will never end. There is nothing that can separate us from the love God has for us. God's love endures forever.

