





Loving Deeply, Deeply Loved

Introduction

This learning emphasizes love of our families, and love for God's family. Students will learn that they all have a unique and delightful role and place in their unique family story, and that they are invited into God's family as his children. In this expedition, students will explore God's power of restoration in families utilizing World Vision stories from around the world.

Foundational to Ignite, at all stages of learning, is understanding God's love for them and responding in love to their neighbor. All students can participate regardless of age, achievement, or ability.

All the Law and the Prophets hang on these commandments of love. They hold the key to a transformed world; thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Empowering students to deeply know God's love and act upon it leads them into the pursuit of a world transformed in right relationship.

It's an honor, as educators and adults, to empower children and young people to take their place in God's transformation story. It's igniting kids to reach their full potential of a productive and fulfilling life; not separated from the story of God but deeply a part.

We hope that God will ignite the hearts of your students, the future leaders of the world; that they may experience their defining moments of transformation and act and re-write stories of injustice to justice, sorrow to joy, and brokenness to restoration.

This Expedition

This Learning Expedition centers around three things:

The Driving Question

How might I delight in God's family despite brokenness?

The Deep Hope

We are deeply loved and loving deeply in God's family!

The Expedition Verse

"But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God."

—John 1:12



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Planning Ahead

Special Invitations to Individuals: Some learning plans will require visits from family members and other outside community members or school staff. Please note the following learning plans that will require special guests. Make sure to invite these guests with enough notice prior to the learning plan day.

Learning Plan 5: Invite a minimum of one family member who will share their delightful story.

Learning Plan 15: Invite families, school staff, and community members to come to the Deeply Loved, Loving Deeply celebration.

Learning plans 14 and 15 focus mainly on student preparations and the actual Deeply Loved, Loving Deeply celebration. This expedition will culminate with students sharing their stories of how they loved others deeply as part of their learning in this expedition. Plan your celebration event early when starting your expedition.

Tips for planning this celebration event are listed below and in learning plan 14.

Deeply Loved, Loving Deeply Celebration

What is this event?

This event is a celebration of students' during this expedition, *Deeply Loved, Loving Deeply*. Students will be the "experts," telling their stories of being deeply loved and loving others deeply, accompanied by their scrapbooks. Students' families will be invited. This expedition emphasizes loving our families. In addition, it also emphasizes loving others in God's family, so consider who on the school staff and in your community you may also want to invite to attend.

Notes for preparing for this event:

1. Remind parents of this event EARLY over the course of your regular communications home. Consider creating a flyer and posting this invitation on your classroom door.
2. Share with families and students the expectations of how they should dress. Are you hosting this as a formal event? An informal event? Determine the style of event that will work best with your school and classroom.
3. Reserve the space needed in your school or community to host this event and communicate the celebration's location and time to families.
4. Consider what time of day you think may work best for most families to attend this event. This celebration is meant to help tell the students' stories of deeply loving others, specifically their families, so it is important to pick a time when most families can come.
5. Creating a slideshow and a program for your celebration will enrich your event and help families "see" the story of the intentional acts of kindness that took place both within and beyond this expedition.



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Expedition Resources:

- ☐ *African Heartbeat*, by Barb Christing
- ☐ *Bible Storybook*, God's Love for You, by Richard and Renee Stearns
- ☐ *You Are Special*, by Max Lucado
- ☐ *Ronnie Wilson's Gift*, by Francis Chan
- ☐ *Because I Love You*, by Max Lucado
- ☐ *The Oak Inside the Acorn*, by Max Lucado
- ☐ *Just in Case You Ever Wonder*, by Max Lucado
- ☐ A 'scrapbook' for each student (*this could be made from binders, notebooks, cardstock paper, etc.*)
- ☐ Various optional materials to add details to scrapbooks (*markers, crayons, watercolors, stickers, ribbon, stamps, etc.*)
- ☐ Envelopes
- ☐ Small mailing labels (*for printing the World Vision correspondence address*)
- ☐ Glasses (*If possible, look for a class set of old sunglasses or reading glasses that can have the lenses removed: a class set of lens-less glasses will work beautifully with this expedition. There is a paper template provided; however, having "real" lens-less glasses would work best and provide a better learning tool throughout the expedition. Ideas for finding these glasses: look at local second-hand stores, purchase party favor sunglasses and pop the lenses out, or buy party glasses in bulk and pop the lenses out.*)

Overview of Grade 1 Learning Plans

1. Deeply Loved, Loving Deeply
2. We Are Loved by God
3. We are Neighbors
4. My Role in God's Family
5. My Unique Family
6. Families Around the World
7. Other Families
8. Celebrating Family Through Love
9. Celebrating Family Through Thanksgiving
10. Celebrating Family Through Grace and Forgiveness
11. Celebrating Family Through Hope
12. Deeply Loving Through God's Eyes and Hands
13. Deeply Loving with Encouragement
14. Reflections of Deeply Loved, Loving Deeply
15. Deeply Loved, Loving Deeply Celebration