







# Hearts + Hands = Hugs

## Introduction

You are about to embark on an amazing journey! The learning expedition you are reading has been carefully crafted to build relationships between God, your students, and their World Vision sponsored friends. We pray you will enjoy inviting, nurturing, and empowering your kindergartners to live out their love for God in their everyday actions.

Foundational to Ignite, at all stages of learning, is understanding the Greatest Commandments; 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 help kids 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. May God bless you as you learn through this expedition together.

## This Expedition

*This Learning Expedition centers around three things:*

### The Driving Question

How can we reflect the love of God (give hugs) to nearby neighbors and those across the world?

### The Deep Hope

Because we are made in HIS IMAGE, and deeply loved (**heart**) by our God, we can show his love (**hands**) to our neighbors nearby and across the world (**hugs**).

### The Expedition Verse

*"We love because he first loved us."*

- 1 John 4:9 (Supporting verse is Mark 12:30-31)





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## Planning Ahead

1. The final Community Engagement project for this expedition is a beautifully printed photo book. These books can be purchased at a reasonable cost from websites such as Shutterfly or Snapfish. Your local photo center usually prints them, as well. You may choose size, cover quality, etc. based on your price range. Do not be tempted to staple together the student's artwork into book form. The printing and quality gives honor to the work and makes the project real for the students and those you will be sharing it with. You will need to plan for sharing the book with several audiences. See learning plan 15 for more information about this exciting engagement.
2. The document panel is an integral part of this learning expedition. You will need to reserve a large bulletin board or wall space for this purpose. Feel free to vary the placing, but be sure to include all visuals generated from each lesson. Photos of the students working will be displayed on the panel several times. Keep a camera, phone, or tablet handy for this purpose.
3. The Bible story book, "God's Love For You", by Richard and Renee Stearns, is used throughout this expedition. It is a rich resource and recommended for regular use in daily devotional times with your kindergartners. It does an excellent job of exposing your students to the great work of World Vision while simultaneously reviewing Bible stories.
4. The Opportunity to deepen the learning section of each learning plan includes a number of excellent quality children's picture books. They would be great for story time in your classroom.
5. The learning plans in this expedition range in time from 60-80 minutes. While activity and variety are built into the plans, we are well aware that kindergartners cannot attend for that amount of time! There are several natural breaking points that will allow you to craft the plans to meet your students' needs. A caution, however: do not be tempted to skip reflecting on the learning targets. Reflecting is essential to solidifying the students' learning.

## Expedition Visual:

The main visual of this learning expedition represents God's love (**heart**) plus our actions (**hands**) to send hugs anywhere! Feel free to use the elements provided or to use your own.





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## Expedition Resources:

### Art Supplies:

- ☐ Elastic Cording
- ☐ Pony Beads
- ☐ Red Heart Beads
- ☐ Letter Beads
- ☐ Light Blue Construction Paper
- ☐ Pink Construction Paper
- ☐ Paintbrushes
- ☐ Watercolor Paint
- ☐ 1/2 Inch Googly Eyes
- ☐ 9x12 Watercolor Paper
- ☐ Optional Stickers: Food, Water, School Supplies, Hearts, Letters

### Books:

- ☐ African Heartbeat by Barb Christing
- ☐ God's Very Good Idea by Trillia Newbell
- ☐ God's Love For You by Rich and Renee Stearns
- ☐ Just In Case You Ever Wonder by Max Lucado
- ☐ Ronnie Wilson's Gift by Francis Chan
- ☐ Classroom Bible

### Miscellaneous:

- ☐ Band-Aids
- ☐ Individual Photos of Students
- ☐ Alphabet Cards

### Office Supplies:

- ☐ 3x5 Cards
- ☐ Envelopes
- ☐ White Cardstock
- ☐ Brads
- ☐ Chart Paper
- ☐ Thin Black Sharpie Markers

### Cooking Supplies:

- ☐ Various Fruits, Canned or Fresh
- ☐ Mini Marshmallows
- ☐ Vanilla Yogurt
- ☐ Mixing Bowl and Spoon
- ☐ Serving Cups and Spoons



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## Overview of Learning Plans

1. Who is My Neighbor?
2. God's Great Big Love
3. Because He First Loved Us
4. God Loves Our World
5. In His Image
6. Different, but the Same
7. We are Connected
8. Love Your Neighbor as Yourself
9. Hugging My Classroom
10. Hugging My School
11. Hugging Our Community
12. Hugging Our World
13. Sharing What We Know
14. A Kind Design
15. Sharing and Celebrating!

## Activity Icons

Throughout each learning plan, special learning activities will be noted with the following icon keys:



Learning activities that support your document panel with visual artifacts are indicated by a push-pin and paper icon in the activity title.



Learning activities connected with sponsored children are indicated by a helping hands icon in the activity title.



Learning activities that support your community engagement project are indicated by a community icon in the activity title.