



Children's Church

Activities and Bible Study

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD... JOHN 3:16



Sharing God's love by helping others

Theme:

- Caring for Others
- Inspired by the Story of Charles Spurgeon and his Charity
- Age Group: 7 to 12 years
- Session Length: 60 minutes

Session Objectives:

By the end of this session, children will:

- Understand the importance of helping children and families in need.
- Learn about how Charles Spurgeon followed God's call to care for children.
- Be inspired to show God's love by helping others in practical ways.

Materials Needed:

- Bible
- Large poster paper and markers
- Craft supplies (paper, crayons, stickers)
- Printable heart templates



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Session Outline:

1. Welcome and Prayer (5 minutes)

- Welcome the children warmly.
- Explain: "Today we're learning how we can show God's love by helping others, just like a man named Charles Spurgeon did a long time ago!"
- Open with a prayer:

"Dear God, thank You for loving us and showing us how to care for others. Help us to be kind and loving, just like Jesus and Charles Spurgeon. Teach us how we can make a difference in someone's life. Amen."

Fun Fact:

Show a picture of Spurgeon and say, "He loved Jesus very much and spent his life helping children!"

2. Bible Story: Jesus Welcomes the Children (10 minutes)

Key Passage: Mark 10:13-16 (NIV)

"People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these... And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them, and blessed them."

- Read or summarize the story.
- Highlight: "Jesus loves children. He stopped what He was doing to hug them and bless them!"

Spurgeon once said,

"There is no joy that thrills my heart like seeing little children come to Jesus."

Discussion Questions:

- Why did Jesus say, "Let the little children come to me"?
- How do you think the children felt when Jesus hugged and blessed them?
- What can we do today to show God's love to children?

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3. Story of Charles Spurgeon's Charity (10 minutes)

"A long time ago, there was a kind pastor named Charles Spurgeon. He saw lots of children in his city who didn't have homes or anyone to care for them. They were cold, hungry, and alone. Charles loved Jesus very much, and he remembered that Jesus loved children, too! So, he started a special home called the 'Stockwell Orphanage.' There, children had warm beds, good food, and teachers who told them about God's love."

- "Charles Spurgeon said that children are a blessing and that God wants us to take care of them."
- "Even today, Spurgeons charity still helps children and families in need!"

Discussion Questions:

- Why do you think Charles Spurgeon wanted to help children?
- What are some ways we can help children today?

Spurgeon's words (simple paraphrase): "If we love Jesus, we will love children too."

4. Craft Activity: Hearts of Love (15 minutes)

Instructions:

- Give each child a heart template.
- On one side, have them write or draw one way they can show God's love to others (examples: Help a friend, Pray for a child, Share my lunch).
- Encourage them to decorate their hearts with colors, stickers, or drawings.
- When finished, hang the hearts on a tree cutout or poster titled "Spurgeon's Helping Hearts".

Spurgeon Connection:

Say: "When Mr. Spurgeon helped children, he was giving them a little piece of God's love. We can do the same when we show kindness to others!"

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5. Group Brainstorm: "Ways We Can Help" (10 minutes)

- On a large poster, write: "How We Can Help Children and Families"
- Ask: "What can we do to help other kids or families who need love, just like Charles Spurgeon did?"
- Write down their answers. Encourage ideas like:
 - Praying for children
 - Donating clothes or toys
 - Being kind at school
 - Helping new kids feel welcome
- Mention: "Charles Spurgeon said even small acts of love can make a big difference!"

6. Closing Prayer and Commitment (5 minutes)

Prayer Circle:

- Gather everyone together.
- Say: "Let's each think of one way we can show God's love this week."
- Close with this prayer:

"Dear Jesus, thank You for loving us. Help us to be kind, loving, and helpful like You. Just like Mr. Spurgeon, we want to care for others and share Your love. Bless all the children and families who need help today. Amen."

Optional Commitment:

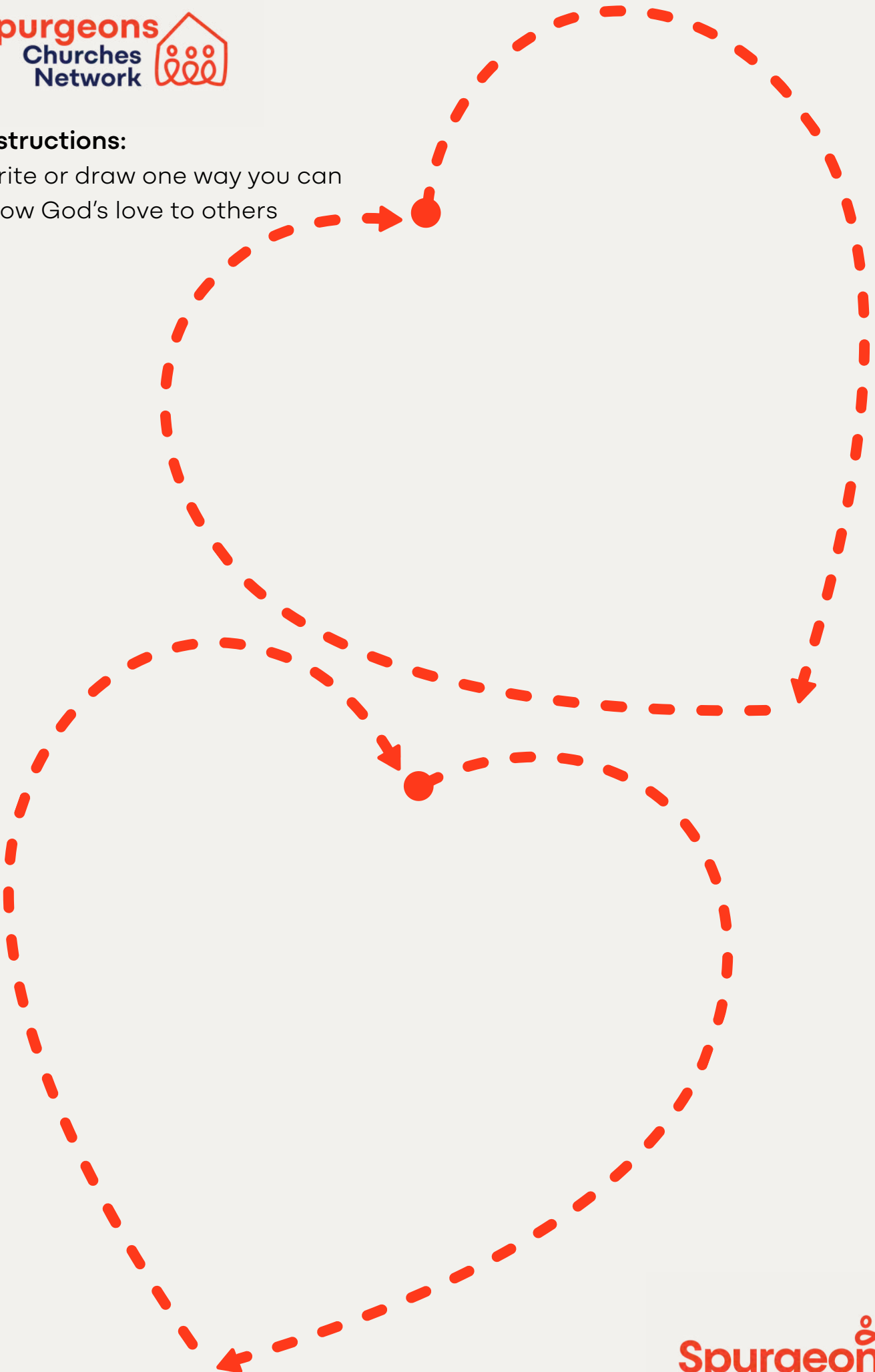
- Invite them to tell you next week how they helped someone!

Optional Add-Ons (If Time Allows):

- Show pictures of Spurgeon's Orphanage to help them imagine the story.
- Read a short quote from Spurgeon, simplified for children:
"When you help someone in need, you are sharing God's love."
- Sing a simple song about loving others!

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