God Loves Us

**Scene 1 - At church**

*Several children are gathered*

Alex: I sure am glad that school is out for the summer!

Eric: I know what you mean! I think I have taken enough tests the last couple of months to last me the rest of my life!

Charlie: Yeah, really! What is up with all of that?

Domingo: I don’t know. But I do know that my favorite part of summer is here!

Greg: What is that, Domingo?

Domingo: Vacation Bible School!

Bobby: Wait, wait, wait! We just got *out* of school and you want to go to some sort of vacation school?

Alex: Bobby, he is talking about Bible study here at the church. It is a great time when we get together and study the Bible and make things and play games.

Bobby: Oh! I thought they were going to make us go back to school during our vacation!

Alex: Man, you are such a goof!

Greg: He just likes to play around. What are we studying this year?

Charlie: I think the sign said something about God’s love.

Bobby: Wow, it is hard for me to imagine that God loves us!

Domingo: I know. So many people think that God is mad at us, or that He doesn’t want us to have any fun.

Alex: Yeah, I remember when I first trusted Jesus as my savior, that knowing His love was so hard for me to understand.

Greg: Me too. I love reading the Bible verses that tell us about how much God loves me.

Charlie: I know one of the most famous: John 3:16. It says that God loved the world so much that He gave us His only Son and that whoever believes in Him would never die, but live forever.

*Pastors Boskos and Palmer come in*

Pastor Palmer: Hey guys! That is a great verse, Charlie. It is what really sets Christians apart from everyone else.

Eric: Hey, Pastor Palmer! We were just talking about Bible School.

Domingo: Yes. We are really excited about Bible School this year!

Alex: What are we going to be studying this year?

Pastor Palmer: That’s a great question, Alex. Our main theme is God’s love for us. Hey, I have a great idea; would you boys be willing to help the teachers this year?

All: Sure! We would love to help!

Pastor Palmer: Great! Let’s go into our classroom and I will introduce you to our topics!

*Pastor Palmer and the puppets leave the stage*

**Scene 2 – Just after the meeting in Scene 1**

Pastor Palmer: Thank you *so* much for volunteering to help! I know our teachers will be so thankful to have a great group of young men assisting them!

Bobby: Uh, Pastor Palmer, I think you forgot to talk to us about the most important thing here.

Pastor Palmer: What’s that, Bobby?

Bobby: How much are we getting paid to help with the classes?

Charlie: Bobby, you goof; we aren’t getting paid. Which part of “volunteer” are you struggling with?

Bobby: Well, I *had* to ask!

Pastor Palmer: Bobby, you *always* make things interesting!

Domingo: Pastor Palmer, what are we studying Sunday night?

Pastor Palmer: Thanks for asking, Domingo. On Sunday night we study about a special man named Moses.

Eric: Hey, I remember him. Didn’t his mother hide him in a basket and put him into the river?

Pastor Palmer: That’s right Eric. Well, he grew up and God called him to lead his people out of slavery.

Greg: Wasn’t that when God appeared to Moses through the burning bush?

Charlie: And God told him to take his shoes off because he was standing on holy ground?

Pastor Palmer: Exactly. But do you know what made Moses so special?

Alex: Was it because he had trouble speaking plainly?

Pastor Palmer: That is certainly part of it. Moses did not feel like he could do what God called him to do.

Eric: I feel like that *a lot* Pastor Palmer.

Pastor Palmer: You know what, Eric? We *all* do, even grown-ups! So often we just don’t feel like we can do what God wants us to do.

Charlie: So, what do we do, Pastor Palmer?

Pastor Palmer: Well, we do what Moses did. He listened to God. God called out to him while Moses was out doing what he did every day. When God called out to him, he turned aside to listen to God.

Domingo: Wasn’t he scared? I think that would scare me . . . to hear God calling out my name!

Greg: I would be scared to see a bush burning without being burned up!

Pastor Palmer: He *was* scared. In fact, the Bible tells us that Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. But God said He had seen the misery of His children and He had heard their cries and that His love was so incredible that He was going to do something about it. He was going to deliver them and give them their own land.

Eric: Wow! That is pretty incredible! I can’t *wait* for our teachers to tell us about this!

Greg: What do we study Monday?

Pastor Palmer: On Monday, we study that God’s love is faithful. It is the story of how God used Joshua to get his people into the land God had promised them.

Charlie: God was faithful to them. I remember that story. Joshua and Caleb were the only two men who believed that God was going to do what He said He would.

Pastor Palmer: That’s right. God sent some spies to a lady named Rahab who said she would help them if they would spare her family when they conquered her city.

Bobby: Spies?! Wow! I didn’t know there were spies in the Bible!

Pastor Palmer: That’s right, Bobby. But what is important in this story is that God was faithful to this woman and she became one of the ancestors of Jesus!

Charlie: I love our Bible study so far! What are we doing Tuesday night?

Pastor Palmer: On Tuesday, we learn about how God used a boy named David, who wasn’t much older than some of you, to defeat a giant that was making fun of God.

Domingo: Wasn’t that Goliath? He was *huge* – over 9 feet tall!

Pastor Palmer: That’s him. He was indeed big. But when God is on our side, we are invincible, just like David was that day.

Eric: That reminds me of a verse we memorized in mission groups the other night. It is Romans 8:31 - If God is for us, who can be against us?

Greg: I *love* that verse! It also reminds me of Philippians 4:13: I can do all things through Christ Who gives me strength!

Pastor Palmer: Guys, I *love* how God is speaking to your hearts about these verses. Well, so far; we have learned that God’s love is incredible. God’s love is faithful. And, God’s love is invincible.

Alex: What are we doing Wednesday night?

Pastor Palmer: On Wednesday, we learn a verse Charlie quoted a few minutes ago: John 3:16. It says For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Bobby: Pastor Palmer, I understand what that verse is saying. I mean, I understand the words, but we were talking before you came in about how hard it is to *really* understand what God is saying to us in that verse.

Pastor Palmer: You are so right, Bobby. On Tuesday night we are also going to learn about a woman the Bible says had lived a sinful life . . .

Charlie: Haven’t we all?

Pastor Palmer: Yes, we have, Charlie. She heard that Jesus was eating at a man’s house. So, she took a very expensive jar of perfume and came to the house. She stood behind Jesus, just weeping because she understood just how bad she was. She was on her knees washing Jesus’ feet with her tears and drying his feet with her hair. She then took the expensive perfume and poured it on Jesus feet.

Domingo: Why did she pour perfume on his feet?

Eric: Was it because of what we learned in Romans 10:15? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: How beautiful are the feet of those who announce the gospel of good things!

Pastor Palmer: Exactly, Eric! Paul was quoting the prophet Isaiah in that verse. Jesus had been proclaiming the gospel – the good news – and this lady came to understand just how sinful she had been. It brought her to tears. But the unconditional love of Jesus caused her to want to serve Him, so she washed His feet with her tears and poured perfume on them.

Greg: *{obviously touched by this exchange}* – I understand now, Pastor Palmer. When she understood that Jesus loved her *no matter what*, she just *had* to do something for Him!

Pastor Palmer: Exactly, Greg!

Alex: Wow, Pastor Palmer, this sounds like a great week! What are we studying Thursday night?

Eric: I don’t know about you, but this week sounds pretty exciting to me!

Pastor Palmer: On Thursday night, we learn that God’s love is real.

Domingo: I think that is what we all need to learn. We really want to see God working in our lives.

Pastor Palmer: On Thursday, we learn about Peter being put in prison for telling people about Jesus.

Eric: We studied about people who are in prison right now for telling people about Jesus.

Pastor Palmer: Sadly, there are, and we are praying for them. Peter was in prison, but the night before the trial, an angel appeared to him in his jail cell and told him to get up and get dressed.

Greg: I would *love* to have seen *that*!

Alex: Me too!

Pastor Palmer: The angel led Peter out of prison just like the bars of the cell weren’t even there. Peter returned to the place the church was praying for him and knocked on the door. They were so surprised, they thought it just couldn’t be.

Bobby: That is pretty amazing! I bet they believed God’s love was real after that!

Pastor Palmer: You’re right, Bobby. They did believe. The Word of God spread after that and many people came to know Jesus because they saw in the members of the church that God’s love was real. So has everyone got a good idea of our lessons this week?

Charlie: I hope they can see in *our* lives this week that God’s love is Incredible!

Domingo: I hope they can see in *our* lives this week that God’s love is Faithful!

Eric: I hope they can see in *our* lives this week that God’s love is Invincible!

Greg: I hope they can see in *our* lives this week that God’s love is Unconditional!

Alex: I hope they can see in *our* lives this week that God’s love is Real!

Bobby: I hope they see *all* of that in our lives this week!

Pastor Palmer: That is my prayer as well.

 Ok guys. Let’s wrap it up. As you work in your classes, you may be with someone who is being covered up with God’s love and wants to begin a relationship with Jesus. Can any of you remember how we do that?

Alex: I remember the Romans Road. It starts by telling us that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

Bobby: I remember that the wages of sin is death.

Charlie: I remember that God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Domingo: I remember that the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Eric: I remember that that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;

Greg: I remember for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

Pastor Palmer: Guys, that was *great!*  I could not have presented the Romans Road plan of salvation better myself! I think you are all ready to help in our Bible school. Let’s pray together:

 Father God, I thank you for these young men, the teachers, and leaders of this Bible school and their willingness to serve. I ask that you would bless them and use them to show your love to every person at this church and in this community this week. But we especially pray that everyone here would come to accept Your love for them by acknowledging Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Use us to show your love to them. We ask this prayer in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Master, Amen.

 Thank you for helping this week boys! We will see you later! I hope you have a great time at Bible school this week!

All: We do too! See you all next time!

Setting/Characters/Props

**Setting**

Modern times

One scene

**Characters 7 Speaking Parts**

Alex:

Bobby:

Charlie:

Domingo:

Eric:

Greg:

Pastor Palmer:

**Props**

None