



## We Love Others As Ourselves

**Activity:** The child makes a lap book.

### Concept

We love others as ourselves.

### What You Need

- ▶ photos of the child, family members, and classmates
- ▶ pictures from the Internet or magazines that show a child waving hello, helping a friend do something, shaking hands with another child, and sharing
- ▶ photocopy of Side B of this Lesson Card
- ▶ art supplies
- ▶ colored file folder
- ▶ 14 or more small heart stickers

### At Home

Invite the parents to review ways we can share God's love and the lap book with their child twice before the next session.

## Lesson Steps

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### Opening Prayer

Pray the Sign of the Cross with the child, followed by: **Dear God, please help us love others as we love ourselves.** Pray the Sign of the Cross.

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### Begin with Life Experience

Show the child a picture of himself or herself. Ask: **Who is this?** Acknowledge that the child is correct. Say: **God loves us, and we love ourselves.** Have the child give himself or herself a big hug. Say: **God wants us to love others the same way.** Show the child pictures of family members, friends, and classmates. Say: **God wants us to love [name of person pictured].** Repeat for all photos. Invite the child to say the words with you.

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### Connect

Ahead of time, color and cut out the images and text from the photocopy of Side B of this card. Fold the file folder as shown in the example above. Glue the text and the corresponding images inside the folder. Glue the "Love others as we love ourselves" text box on the outside left panel of the folder. Show the child the pictures of children. Say: **We show love to others by welcoming them.** Show the photocopied image of the child waving inside the book. Say: **Can you give me another picture of welcoming?** Together glue that picture underneath the "welcoming" text box. Continue the same pattern with helping, forgiving, and sharing. Guide the child to glue his or her picture on the front right panel and write his or her name underneath. Invite the child to place the heart stickers near the images and text while you say together: **We love others as we love ourselves.**

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### Closing Prayer

Pray the Sign of the Cross with the child, followed by: **God, thank you for giving us the Great Commandment to love others as we love ourselves.** Conclude by praying the Sign of the Cross.

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