



Loop



ACTIVITY GUIDE

Week 3: *Past the Edges*
Love in Motion

Verse Unscramble

This activity is an interactive way for students to take an important verse and memorize it.

Activity Objective

As a group, memorize the verse and put the cards together in the right order.

The verses we'll be memorizing:

This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. 1 John 4:10

and

Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. 1 John 4:11

You'll Need

- Verse Cards (1 per group)*

***Note:** Make sure the cards are not in order and that they are all present. We'll do the verse as two separate parts but you can hand each group the cards as one stack.

Instructions

Activity:

1. **Give** each small group a stack of verse cards that are mixed up.
2. **Explain:**
 - We talked about how God's love for us is real and extends past the edges of everything we know.
 - We're going to take some time to memorize the featured verse.
 - We'll separate it into two parts. The first part will be up on the screen.
 - Once the verse is on screen, memorize it. When it disappears, you'll only have a minute as a group to unscramble the cards in front of you to put the cards in the correct order.
 - The first group that gets theirs in order should raise their hands, and a leader will check to make sure it's correct.
 - Then we'll repeat and do it again with the second part of the verse.
3. **Direct** attention to the screen to memorize the first part of the verse. Encourage them to do anything to memorize it. Discourage them writing it down. That's cheating.
4. **Say** "Go" as soon as the verse disappears from the screen. The Roku will automatically count down a minute.
5. When the first group raises their hand, **verify** that the verse order is correct. It should read: *This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. 1 John 4:10*
6. Celebrate groups that got it correct. The second part of the verse will appear on the screen. Prompt students to memorize the new verse.
7. **Say** "Go" as soon as the verse disappears from the screen.
8. When the first group raises their hand, **verify** that the verse order is correct. It should read: *Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. 1 John 4:11*
9. **Congratulate** students on their memorization skills. **Ask:** Does anyone think they can recite the full verse from memory? If someone does it, GET LOUD! That's awesome and certainly something to celebrate.
10. Remind students that Easter is a time to celebrate God's amazing love for us. Encourage students to remember what real love looks like.
11. **Collect** all the cards by group for the next experience.