

Bonus Activities *

All Ages

Laundry Basket Relay: Collect four laundry baskets and 20 pairs of socks. Put 10 pairs of socks inside two of the laundry baskets and place them at one end of the room. Place two other laundry baskets on the other end of the room. Divide the children into two teams. Encourage teams to pass a pair of socks (over and under) until they reach the person at the front of the line. That person will take the socks to the empty basket, put them in, then come back to the back of their line, grab the next pair of socks and continue passing until all the socks are in the laundry baskets. The first team to finish wins.

Make Offering Jars: Gather empty bottles or mason jars, washi tape, tissue paper or construction paper, glue sticks and crayons or markers. Encourage children to decorate the bottles or mason jars. Ask them to use their bottle or jar to collect money. After a few weeks, collect the money and make a donation to a local organization that helps people with their bills, or take the money to a laundromat to help others pay for their laundry.

Preschoolers

Sort and Fold Clothes: Gather various clothing items in a variety of colors. Encourage children to sort them by color and item and fold them. Talk about how King's Cross Church helps people with their laundry.

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Theme Overview *

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Bible Verse *

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Session Outline *

Prepare

- Make copies of the Student Handout.
- Review the Story and Bible Verse.

Welcome

- Greet students as they arrive.
- **Ask:** "How do you show your faith to others?"

Engage

- Distribute the Student Handout.
- Read and discuss the Bible Verse.
- Work on the Handout Activity.
- Transition to Story Time.

Share

- Tell the Story, "Sharing God's Love."
- Share the photo and caption.
- Discuss the Story and pray.

Conclude

- Lead students in Bonus Activities as time permits.

Sharing God's Love

"Good news! We got the CBF Ministries Council Grant!" Jane said to her team at King's Cross Church. "That's wonderful news," Donna said. "That means we'll be able to help more people!" "Yes!" said Jane. "With this money, we'll be able to offer Love by the Load more than once a month," Amy said. "Let's see. Right now, we go to the laundromat once a month and offer water, snacks and cookies while we pay for loads of laundry. Buffalo Wild Wings has been a huge help, providing meals to those in need. And Partners for Healing has helped us offer medical help and social services. I wonder if they could also participate on another Saturday in the month. It would be great if we could offer everything twice a month and get more volunteers to help. The families we help are always so grateful. It warms my heart to see that for that week, at least, they won't have to choose between having clean clothes or enough to eat," said Jane. "If we could do this twice a month, we could help their money go even further," Donna said. "I am still amazed by the people we meet," said Amy. "I was a bit nervous when we started this ministry. But the people we help have encouraged me to see just how big God's love is. It is amazing to see how just a little bit of help can make such a big difference. Who knew how much God could do at the laundromat?"

Discussion and Prayer ✱

- **Ask:** How does King's Cross Church help at the laundromat?
- **Ask:** How are they sharing God's love?
- **Ask:** How can we share God's love with others who need help?
- **Say:** King's Cross Church helps by paying for loads of laundry, helping people do their laundry and by providing water, snacks and cookies. They also chat with families, entertain children and connect people to resources they need. They have even partnered with organizations who help provide meals and offer medical help and social services.
- **Pray:** Dear God, thank you for all the ways that King's Cross Church is sharing your love. Help them continue to grow their Love by the Load program so that more people can be helped. Amen.



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Love by the Load

Locate the words to learn more about how King's Cross Church helps others.

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