



## **FRIDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONS**

1. What do you think slime looks like? (green, fun, gooey, etc...)
2. What do you think love looks like? (gooey, hugs & kisses, holding hands, etc...)
3. Let's get out our Bibles and find the main verse for the convention, Matthew 22:37-38. Who would like to read it out loud? "Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.'" Thank you! Now we can all read it out loud together. One of our goals for the weekend is to memorize these verses so let's say it again! (get creative about motions or song)
4. "Love the Lord with all your heart, soul and mind" is an interesting phrase about loving God. This sounds different than holding hands or texting someone all the time! Any ideas about love from those 3 words, soul, heart, or mind? (thinking about God, reading, feeling good, etc...)
5. So, let me help by listing off a few ways Bible characters showed love to God: Daniel prayed or talked to God 3 times a day even when it meant breaking the rules; Esther stood up for God even when it was against a king; David wrote poems and sang songs about God through good and bad times; Solomon built a temple or a home for God even though it was expensive. (use other Bible characters they might know from your church, too)
6. The Bible is filled with stories about regular people who loved God with all they had. They spent time, energy, money, and talents to show God they believed in Him. The Bible is a love story from the first page until the last... God giving and people giving back. We can spend a lifetime looking for love but the Bible tells us in 1 John 4:16 where we can find love - "God is Love" (end in prayer)



## **SATURDAY MORNING DEVOTIONS**

1. Before we head out to the convention this morning would someone please read Matthew 7:7-8 - “Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened”
2. What type of things might we be seeking (looking for) while at the convention today? (friends, game show spot, pizza, love, God’s direction, etc..)
3. Great answers! You might be looking only for fun this weekend and we’ve already had fun, even the trip here was crazy fun! (fill in whatever crazy story has already happened)
4. Ok, now remember we’re also here to learn more about the Bible. So let's take a few minutes and pray about seeking and finding God today. (end in prayer)



## **SATURDAY LUNCH DEVOTIONS**

1. What are some ways to describe how slime feels? (yucky, slippery, wet, cold, etc...)
2. Tell me some ways you might feel without love? (lonely, angry, sad, etc...)
3. Now name some feelings you might have when you are loved? Or how would it look? (good, happy, secure, important, etc...)
4. Ok, so those questions had us talking about a lot of feelings from the yucky ones all the way to the happy ones! We'd all probably like to stick with positive, happy feelings. Remember we read "God is Love" from 1 John and that's a feel good fact.
5. Now we can all look up John 3:16 and I need a volunteer to read. "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." Another name for God's Son is (Jesus). He came as a baby and grew up a perfect man. And even though he never did anything wrong, Jesus died on a cross like a criminal and was buried, but he came back to life and overcame death! I bet that felt great!!
6. Here is a short list on how to be a Christian and have eternal life with God: Believe that God sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sin (those times we disobey); Repent or say we are sorry for going our own way; Ask Him to forgive us and clean us up; Be baptized so that our sins or our yucky actions will get washed away; and tell God we are going to follow Him. Wow, that's a lot to understand! We can talk with any of you about this if you'd like or you can ask your family or church folks when we get home.
7. For now we will end by looking up 2 verses of poetry in the Bible. Can someone please look up Psalm 51:2 & 7 and who will volunteer to read? "Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin", "Cleans me with hyssop, and I will be clean, and I will be whiter than snow." So the word iniquity means "wickedness" and the other word you might not know is hyssop which is "a plant for cleansing; like spiritual soap". What kind of ideas is this poetry showing? (bath, cleaning me inside, baptism, etc..)
8. This isn't like the Super Soakers, but hopefully, you will remember the feeling of being "washed" and finding God's love. (end in prayer)



## **SATURDAY AFTERNOON DEVOTIONS**

1. List off some of the ways slime moves and acts? (runs down, sticks to people, pours, stretches, etc...) Great answers! It oozes!
2. Let's take turns reading about a man in Luke 10:25-37 who oozed God's love. I need 4 volunteers to read 3 verses each. Is there a verse that sounds familiar? (Luke 10:27-"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and Love your neighbor as yourself.") Right! Jesus tells this story about the Good Samaritan to answer the question "Who is my neighbor?" or "Who should I love?"
3. So, think about this story and give me some ideas about what kinda people we should love? (beat up people, enemies, strangers, everybody, etc...)
4. Now, let's list how the Samaritan is the merciful and loving one in this story. (stops to help, bandages wounds, paid for the man's care, etc...)
5. Great! But, we don't have a donkey or medical supplies at the ready like the Good Samaritan. What are the many ways we can show how love is supposed to act, move or ooze? (friendship, pack meals for people who need food, give money, tell others about God's love, speak nicely, etc...)
6. The Bible tells us "God is Love", "God Loves the World", "God Wants us to Love Him", "God Wants us to Love our Neighbor"! I hope you each already have something in mind about loving better as we leave. So let's all Ooze God's Love! (end in prayer)