

"GOD IS LOVE" OBJECT LESSON FOR KIDS

Materials Needed

- **Two clear water glasses.** It's important to use **clear glasses**, so that you can easily see the water in them. This is crucial to the main point of the object lesson!
- **A sponge.**
- **A bucket or bowl.** This will represent God's love. It doesn't have to be huge, but if it can hold about a gallon of water, that would be ideal.
- **Clear packing tape.** Use this to attach the sign to your bucket. I'd recommend taping over the entire front of the sign, just in case water is dropped on it.
- **A small sign that says "God's Love."**

Instructions:

- Set out one clear glass. The glass represents someone else. *Note: you may wish to place a plate or a small dish under the glass to catch any drops.*
- Wet a sponge in water (one time). The sponge represents your heart or love.
- Squeeze as much water from the sponge as you can, into the cup. This represents when we try to show love to others.
- Get as much water in the glass as possible with wetting the sponge one time.
- Do you think that you could have gotten more water in the glass - do you think you had enough water?

- Even though there's water in the cup, it's not anywhere close to full. When we try to love other people out of our own abilities, it's never really sufficient. We aren't truly capable of loving others as much as we want to.
- Set the first cup down on the table again. Set out the second glass next to it. *Note: you may wish to place a plate or a small dish under the glass to catch any overflow.*
- Take the same sponge. How much water do you think you'll be able to get in the second glass.

Part 2:

- Now, get the bucket and bring it to the table.
- Dip the sponge as many times as you need to in the bucket.
- Now squeeze as much water as possible into the second glass.
- Squeeze enough water so the cup is full and overflowing.
- Compare the amount of water in the two glasses. Which worked better?
- *When the you could dip into "God's Love," you were able to give a lot more "love" to someone else.*