



# Day 2: God Gives Love



Large Group Worship

## Gathering

### Songs

Select songs from the suggestions for Day 2.

### Greeting

LEADER: We gather in the name of God who gave us our lives, of Jesus who saved our lives, and of the Holy Spirit who sustains our lives.

CAMPERS: Amen.

### Song

Select a song from the suggestions for Day 2.

### Prayer of the day

LEADER: How's life?

CAMPERS: Life is good!

LEADER: Let us pray: Gracious God, when we were dying of thirst you sent your Son to bring us the everlasting water of life. That gift of love was so great it cost Jesus his own life. Thank you for loving us so much. We pray in Jesus' name.

CAMPERS: Amen.

## Word

### Psalms

Read Psalm 42:1-3 or sing "As the Deer."

### Theme verse

Read Luke 12:32.

### Readings

Read John 3:16 and John 4:7-15.

### Skit

"A Special Offer"

## Response

### Song

Select a song from the suggestions for Day 2.

### Prayers

Use this response after each petition:

LEADER: Lord, in your mercy.

CAMPERS: Hear our prayer.

## Sending

### Blessing

LEADER: Now may God, whose promises never fail, give you abundant life now and forever.

CAMPERS: Amen!

LEADER: How's life?

CAMPERS: Life is good!

### Sending song

Select a song from the suggestions for Day 2.

### Dismissal

LEADER: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

CAMPERS: Thanks be to God!

## Songs relating to Day 2

"Drink Deeply the Water of Life"

"Saved by Grace"

"Name above All Names"

"Fill My Cup"

"Everyone Who Is Thirsty, Come!"

"Jesus Loves Me/Amazing Grace/Alleluia"

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

"Every Move I Make (Waves of Mercy)"

"Shout to the Lord"

"To Be Alive"

"The Coloring Song"

"Spring Up, O Well (I've Got a River of Life)"

"Bubblin' (Jesus' Love Is a Bubblin' Over)"

# Skit

## “A Special Offer”

This drama takes place on the set of a shopping channel for religious merchandise. The hosts, Steve and Diane, are way over the top with phony sincerity. They act extremely interested in every product and person. They are very gabby, almost interrupting one another to agree with what the other has said. They should be seated unless it will be difficult to see them. There is a producer just off-stage wearing headphones and perhaps holding some cue cards, who is occasionally spoken to, but has no lines.

DIANE: Welcome back, everyone, to the Religious Shopping Channel. Just a quick reminder that we only have 11 minutes left for the one-time-only offer for the Golden Calf piggy bank.

STEVE: Boy, Diane, those have really gone fast, haven't they?

DIANE: They really have, Steve, and I can see why. They are *so* beautiful!

STEVE: Stunning! Just magnificent the way they reflect the light. You can really see how someone might be tempted to worship an idol.

DIANE: You sure can. Not that we're recommending that, but it would be understandable. If you're going to store up treasure on earth, this is definitely the way to do it.

STEVE: I agree. I want to let everyone know that we're going to have a very special guest in the next segment who will introduce a brand new product, so stay tuned right here.

DIANE: But right now, have we got an exciting offer for you! I've been looking forward to this all morning, Steve.

STEVE: Me too. Now what is something that everybody loves?

STEVE and DIANE: Collectible plates!

DIANE: I'm crazy about them! I can't get enough of them.

STEVE: Same here. Same here. I've got them all over my house. But there's something very special about these plates, isn't there, Diane?

DIANE: Yes, there is, Steve. Each of these plates depicts a scene from one of your favorite Bible stories.

STEVE: Now we've offered plates like these before, but today's series is all from stories about animals. Here's Jonah and the whale. Boy, he looks scared, doesn't he?

DIANE: He sure does! The detail on these plates is amazing! (*Holds up the plate.*) Look, there's a little piece of seaweed hanging out of the whale's mouth. Can we get a close-up of that? Just zoom in here real tight.

STEVE: Incredible! It's so realistic. Here's our next plate with all of the barnyard animals in the stable gathered around the manger. Isn't that adorable?

DIANE: Now I know that most of you are going to want to put these out for display, but think about how great it would be to actually use them for special religious occasions like a confirmation or for religious holidays like Christmas, Easter, or Mother's Day.

STEVE: This next plate shows Daniel in the lions' den. I always loved that story. Does Daniel actually get eaten by the lions? I can't remember.

DIANE: Don't ask me, I thought it was tigers. (*Both laugh.*) Oh, gosh. There's something else very special about these plates that we've never been able to offer before. Because of amazing advances in technology, each of these plates is actually a scratch and sniff product.

STEVE: I didn't believe it at first, but it's true. Take this plate, for example. It shows everybody's favorite Bible animal story: Noah's ark. (*Holds the plate out to Diane and points.*) Scratch right there. (*She scratches.*) Now smell. (*She leans down to the plate and sniffs.*)

DIANE (*in amazement*): Wow! I can actually smell camel! That is unbelievable!





STEVE: You might want to be a little careful about what you serve on this particular plate. But each of these is a one-of-a-kind item and I understand that we only have a few more than 8,000 sets left.

DIANE: Right now we have Martha calling from Pocatello, Idaho. (*Drips sweetness.*) Hi, Martha!

STEVE: Hello, Martha.

(*The caller should be offstage somewhere so she can't be seen. She could be on a microphone if necessary.*)

MARGARET (*not sure if she's on the air*): Huh?

STEVE (*after a short pause*): You're on the air, Martha...(*another pause*) from Pocatello, you're on the air.

MARGARET: It's Margaret.

STEVE: Sorry about that, Margaret. How are you doing today, dear?

MARGARET: Oh, I'm doing just great. I love you guys and all the great products you have. I buy something every day. In fact, the only time I get off the couch is when the delivery driver brings me my packages.

DIANE: Wonderful! Don't you love these plates?

MARGARET: They're just fabulous! I have to have a set of these for sure.

STEVE: Have you ordered any of the other plates in the series, Margaret?

MARGARET: Oh, I've got them all. The last set was commemorative plates of the martyrs.

DIANE: Those are great. Which one is your favorite?

MARGARET: They're all so terrific, it's hard to pick. I really like the stoning of Stephen, but I think the beheading of John the Baptist is my favorite. I'm not sure why. It's just...different, I guess.

STEVE: Well, thanks so much for calling today.

MARGARET: Thank you. Your merchandise brings a lot of happiness into my life and I can't wait to get more. So keep it coming, you two. Bye.

STEVE and DIANE (*really syrupy*): Bye-bye. So long. Thanks so much, Margaret.

STEVE: Well, I think it's time to introduce our mystery guest. I'm so excited about this.

DIANE: So am I, Steve. This person has been the inspiration for so many of our products that I don't even know where to begin. He's here today to introduce a brand new product he's developed that I understand is truly revolutionary. Here to tell us about it is—Jesus Christ!

(*JESUS walks onto the set carrying a bottle of water as the two hosts stand to greet him.*)

STEVE and DIANE (*extremely sugary*): Hello, Jesus. Hi. Welcome.

JESUS (*calm and sincere*): Hi, Steve. Hi, Diane. Thanks for having me on.

STEVE: I have to tell you what a thrill it is to meet you. I have been a big a fan of your work for years.

JESUS: Thank you.

DIANE: Yes, you've been the inspiration for so much merchandise, it's an honor to have you here. You know, last week we offered a set of hand-painted ties depicting all of your miracles.

JESUS: Yes, I saw that.

DIANE: They went in a hurry too. You're so popular. (*Gets serious.*) So tell us about this new product. What's in the bottle?

JESUS: It's water.

DIANE: Water. (*Puzzled but interested.*) Well, water's great! I love it!

STEVE: Me too. Very refreshing. I try to drink several large glasses each day.

DIANE: So do I. It's super!

STEVE: Does it turn into wine? Because they really could have used you at a wedding I was at recently. (*STEVE and DIANE laugh.*) Seriously though, Jesus, is there something special about this water?

JESUS: Yes, there is. This is living water. Once you've had a drink of this, you'll never get thirsty again.

DIANE: Wow! That is a revolutionary concept in beverages. (*In a stage whisper to JESUS.*) Aren't you a little concerned about repeat sales?



JESUS (*in a stage whisper to DIANE*): Not really.

STEVE: Amazing! Available for the first time: living water. (*To JESUS.*) I assume it comes in a variety of flavors?

JESUS: No, it doesn't.

STEVE: It doesn't?

DIANE: Can you get your own imprint put on the bottle, like "Roosevelt Elementary School Living Water," so not-for-profit groups could sell it as a fund-raiser?

JESUS: No, it doesn't work like that. You can't use it to get something else. This is once-in-a-lifetime, life-giving forever water.

STEVE (*confused but moving forward*): Well, let's get the product number up on our screen so people can order this supernatural, spectacular living water. (*Looks to the side as though he is being spoken to by the producer.*) There is no product number?

JESUS: No, actually it's only available directly from me.

STEVE (*again to the producer but now a little irritated*): So why is he on the show?

DIANE: Well this is certainly a first for our viewers, Jesus. How much does it cost?

JESUS: It's free.

DIANE (*her face changes and her phony facade melts away in a moment of enlightenment. From this point on she is genuine and vulnerable. She and JESUS focus on one another and are oblivious to STEVE from this point on.*): It's free?

STEVE (*now very upset, throws up his hands in disgust*): This is just great!

DIANE: Why would you give it away to people for free?

JESUS: Because I love them and I want them to have what no one can ever buy: real life with me forever.

STEVE (*to the producer*): Oh, I suppose this is a big surprise to you, isn't it? You know we're on straight commission. (*Pause.*) I can't work like this. (*Takes off his microphone and stomps off the set.*)

JESUS: Would you like some?

DIANE: More than anything.

(*JESUS hands her the bottle, she closes her eyes, takes a long drink and then sighs, as though a lifetime of thirst has been quenched.*)

DIANE: Thank you.

(*JESUS smiles and nods and they embrace.*)