

Rainforest Adventure: A Tree Top Bible Blast!

Every tree in the forest will sing joyful songs to the Lord. 1 Chronicles 16:33

Day 4 -- We Love

John 15:1-5, 7-17

We love because God loved us first. 1 John 4:19

Through songs, games, crafts, drama, science, and other fun activities, kids learned today that we love. It is our dependence on Jesus and his love for us that is the focus of today's story. Jesus refers to God as the gardener and himself as the one true vine that connects us all together. In discussing this metaphor, Jesus expresses his love for us and commands us to love one another. Ask your child what she or he learned about loving others today.

Meet Esme!

Kids learned all about Esme the Macaw, today's Tree Top Critter. Esme is a Green-Winged Macaw. A pair of macaws raises one or two young each season in a tree cavity nest. The young birds often stay with their parents for up to two years. The adult parrots will not rear another clutch until the young leave the nest. The parents love their babies and take care of them because they learned love from their parents. The name, *Esme*, is French and it means "loved."

Caring for God's Creation

As caretakers of God's creation, we are commanded to love and take care of each other and the earth. We can show love in many ways, from planting a tree in a park, to mowing a neighbor's lawn, to volunteering at a care center or an animal shelter, to shoveling sidewalks during the winter. What are some ways your child can show love for others?

Take-Home Fun!

Trading Card: Today's game codes are: ESM1W5, ESM2W6, ESM3W7, and ESM4W8
What new fact about macaws did you learn? After playing the online game with your child, do an Internet search on the macaw. What else can you find out?

Sunday Worship: Your children have been practicing hard for this celebration! Don't forget June 8 at 11am. Please have your child there a little early and don't forget to practice lines and songs!

Huch Uy Runa: (pronounced who chee roo-na) \$50 will provide 3 meals a day for 5 children for an entire month. \$16 allows a child to attend workshops in carpentry, metallurgy and horticulture for 3 months. We encourage families to talk about this project at home and support it by sending along an offering each day of VBS.

Evening Blessing: May you be filled with God's love and show love to everyone. (As you say the following, mark the sign of the cross on your child's forehead.) **You are a child of God, and God loves you.**