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Title: Love Holds Us Together

Theme: Fasteners hold things together; love holds people together.

Object: Glue, tape, stapler, bolt & nut, screw, nail

Text: Ephesians 4:32 (NIV) Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as, in Christ, God forgave you.

Good morning kids!

I have a few things in my bag today, and they all have something in common.

So let me take them out one at a time and see if you can discover what they all have in common.

[Take out bolt & nut, stapler, tape, glue, etc.]

What do all of these have in common? (They’re used to hold things together.)

All of these things can be very useful.

How many have ever used some of these things?

Almost everything we have is held together in some way.

Our furniture is held together with bolts and screws.

Our cars are held together with welds and rivets and bolts and screws.

Our houses are held together with nails and screws.

Our fireplaces are held together with mortar and cement.

Many of the things that we use every day are held together in some way, and that’s the way they work the best.

When things come apart, they are broken and need to be fixed or replaced.

There’s something else that needs to be held together, and that’s people.

Everyone needs to be close to someone else. Everybody needs a friend.

If we don’t have a friend, life can be very sad and lonely.

That’s why we need to be close to our family, our parents, our brothers and sisters, our grandparents, our aunts and uncles…

We need to have friends at home, and friends at school, and friends at church, and friends at camp…

None of these fasteners work very well to hold people together, do they?

We could staple two sisters together, but that doesn’t make them friends.

What is it that holds people together as friends? (It’s love, isn’t it.)

The Bible says: “A friend loves at all times.” (Prov 17:17)

God has created us with the need to be loved, and the capacity to love others.

But you know what? When we trust Jesus and invite Him into our heart to be our Savior, our Lord, and our Friend, God puts a special kind of love in our hearts that comes only from Him.

It’s called agape love.

And when you have that kind of love, you’ll have the best Friend in the world: Jesus.

And you will be able to be the best kind of friend to other people as well.

How many want to trust in Jesus and have the agape love that only He can give?