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## **Grade Two Safe Environment Lesson**

### **Outcome:**

The learner will be able to:

- ✓ Identify potentially dangerous situations.
- ✓ Name ways to steer away from them (safety tips).

### **Part One**

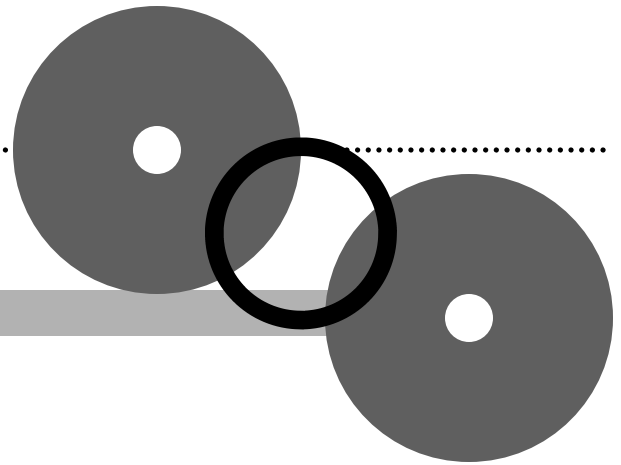
1. Welcome the students and introduce the lesson by explaining that the class will be talking about ways to stay safe.
2. Read aloud the story Officer Buckle and Gloria, and be sure to share the illustrations as you read.

### **Part Two**

1. Have students identify the parts of the book and characters they remember the most. Ask them to come up with some new safety tips that were not in the book. Give some examples to get them started. There are several suggestions on the end pages of the book.
2. Distribute drawing paper and crayons.
3. Invite students to draw a picture of their favorite part of the story.
4. Have each student write two or three sentences to describe her/his picture and what they have learned.
5. Share individual pictures with the whole group.

### **Gather the following items for this lesson:**

- Book: Officer Buckle and Gloria by Peggy Rathman
- Drawing paper for each child
- Crayons for each child
- Pencils for each child
- A Children's Bible and small table
- A large copy, or copies for each child, of the final prayer (included-page 3)
- Take Home Page for each child (included-page 4)



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**Part Three**

Closing Prayer: Love One Another

*Preparation for Prayer*

Explain to the children that their drawing will be part of the prayer.

*Prayer Experience*

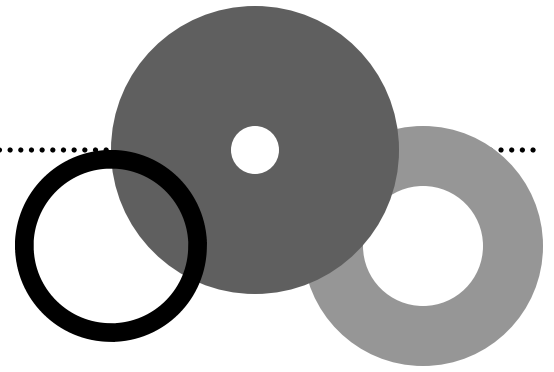
Read John 13: 34-35 from a Children's Bible or use the following text:

***And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love each other. If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you believe in me and you are my followers.***

Lead the children in a brief reflection on the passage from John's gospel by asking them to think about how they show love to others: their family, friends, neighbors, etc. Invite them to look at their drawing and what they wrote and see how they are examples of ways to show love, respect, and how we can take care of one another. Then ask them to place their drawing on the table as a sign of their promise to love one another.

Conclude by praying together...

Jesus, you showed us how to love others.  
Thank you for loving us so much.  
Bless the people who love us and take care of us.  
Help us to show our love by taking care of each other.  
Amen.



## **PRAYER**

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**Take Home Page**

**Safety Tips**

Ask your child about the safety tips we discussed in class today. These safety tips involved all kinds of situations. Discuss some safety tips that you want your child to be aware of when s/he is at home. In the stars below, have your child write some of these tips. You may want to let them color and cut them out and put them on the refrigerator as reminders.

