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PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME



BIBLE STORY

Jesus loves everyone.

Woman at the Well
JOHN 4:1-30

MEMORY VERSE

“Love each other as I have
loved you.”

JOHN 15:12, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who does Jesus love?

BOTTOM LINE

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BASIC TRUTH



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PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

For Leaders Only
Monthly Overview
Create the Environment

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Offer one or more of these activities as preschoolers arrive.
To the Heart
Well 
Heart Bin 

10
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

Always

10
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Bible Story
Prayer

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Offer as many of these activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow.
Memory Verse with Motions
Water in the Well
Love Parachute
Different Ice-Cream

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home
Parent Cue



This symbol indicates an activity with potential allergens. Be sure to post allergy alert sign and inform parents at drop-off.

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MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

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1. TO THE HEART

WHAT YOU NEED: Red construction paper, pencil, scissors, and Little People® figures (1 per child) (Option: Use pom-poms instead of Little People.)

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Draw a large heart on the construction paper and cut out. Place the heart on a table or the floor in the activity area. Place the Little People figures all around the activity area in plain sight.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Challenge the children to look around the room and find the Little People figures. Be sure each child finds one.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Direct the children to put their people onto the heart.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "There is a heart on the table! (Point.) A heart means love."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Look around the room and you will find Little People. (Hold up one.) Everyone go and find one Little People Figure. When you find one, come back to me. (Do activity.) Great job! Now go and put your person on top of the heart." (Finish activity.)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Great job! We put everyone on the heart because Jesus loves EVERYONE! We are going to hear a Bible story today that tells us Jesus loves everyone even though we are ALL different."

TRANSITION: Move to Bible story time by chanting this month's Bottom Line: "Jesus loves everyone."

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PLAY

an activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts

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2. WELL

WHAT YOU NEED: Medium-sized bucket, blue-colored rice or blue pom-poms, and small paper cups (1 per child)

(NOTE: If you are using blue rice, be sure to list the items you will be using today on the "Allergy Alert Poster" and post it at the door to your room.)

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: If using rice, copy "Allergy Alert Poster" on white cardstock and hang on the door. Fill the bucket with the rice or pom-poms. Place the empty paper cups around the activity area in plain sight.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Tell the children that the rice or pom-poms are pretend water. Ask the children to go and get the cups around the area and come fill them with water.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Be sure each child has a turn to fill their cup with water.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "We have a pretend well in our room today. (Point.) A well is a hole in the ground that people could get water from during Jesus' time. This is how they got water to drink and take baths with! Our well has pretend water in it."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "There are cups all over our room. Everyone go and find a cup and bring it back to the well. Scoop your cup in the pretend well and fill it with water. (Do activity.) Awesome! Now we all have cups full of water!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Great job getting water from the well! In today's Bible story we are going to talk about a woman who got water from a well too. I cannot wait to find out what happened!"

TRANSITION: Move to Bible story time by pretending to drink water from a pretend cup as you walk to the story area.

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EXPLORE

an activity that channels a preschooler's innate curiosity into a discussion of the week's crucial concepts

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3. HEART BIN

Be sure to list the items you will be using today on the "Allergy Alert Poster" and post it at the door to your room.

WHAT YOU NEED: "Allergy Alert Poster," white cardstock, colored rice, medium-sized tub, and foam hearts

(NOTE: Try to color your rice to resemble dessert sprinkles.)

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Allergy Alert Poster" on white cardstock and hang on the door. Place the rice inside the tub and hide the hearts in the rice.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Challenge the children to use their hands to sift through the rice and find the hidden hearts.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Be sure there are enough hearts in the rice for all of the children. Continue the activity until all of the children have a turn to find a heart.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "YAY! It looks like we have a tub FULL of SPRINKLES!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Hidden in the sprinkles is something that we are going to talk about all month long. It is about how much Jesus loves us! Let's use our hands and find out what it is!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Wow, we found hearts! Hearts mean love! Jesus loves everyone. Let's get ready to hear our TRUE Bible story to hear about how He loves EVERY ONE of us!"

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by encouraging the children to hold hands to show they love their friends just like Jesus loves us.

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25 MINUTES

**HEAR
FROM GOD**
MEMORY VERSE
REVIEW



MOVE

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1. MEMORY VERSE WITH MOTIONS

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Say the memory verse and do the following motions in front of the **CHILDREN:**

Love each other (*give yourself a big hug*)
as I (*point up with both fingers*)
have loved you (*bring fingers down and point all over the room at all the kids*),
John 15:12. (*Open your hands like a book.*)

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Say the verse again with the motions and invite the children to do it with you. Repeat several times.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "I am going to say our new memory verse today. Everyone watch me! Love each other (*give yourself a big hug*) as I (*point up with both fingers*) have loved you (*bring fingers down and point all over the room at all the kids*), John 15:12." (*Open your hands like a book.*)

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Now let's do it all together! Are you ready? Love each other (*give yourself a big hug*) as I (*point up with both fingers*) have loved you (*bring fingers down and point all over the room at all the kids*), John 15:12." (*Open your hands like a book.*) (*Repeat several times.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Good job! Our memory verse tells us that Jesus wants us to love each other just like He loves us. **Jesus loves everyone! Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!**"

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TALK
ABOUT GOD
BIBLE STORY
REVIEW



CREATE

an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home

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2. WATER IN THE WELL

WHAT YOU NEED: "Well Labels" Activity Page; Avery® #5160 labels or equivalent; 8 oz. clear, plastic cups; and blue tissue paper

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy the Activity Page onto the labels. Set aside.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Retell the Bible story. Encourage the children to pretend that the cup is the well. Challenge the children to fill their well with pretend water (*tissue paper*).

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Help the children place a label on the side of their cup.

MEMORY VERSE

"Love each other as I have loved you."

JOHN 15:12, NIV

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "We heard an amazing Bible story today. We learned that Jesus loves everyone even though we are all different."

KEY QUESTION

Who does Jesus love?

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Jesus was hot and thirsty. He needed a drink. He saw a woman who had a cup and asked her if He could have a drink from the well. The woman was different and did not have any friends. She was afraid that Jesus would not want to be her friend either because she was different. Do you remember what happened? (*Pause.*) You got it! He drank from the woman's cup and was her friend, because Jesus loves EVERYONE! Let's make a pretend well, so that you can take it home and tell everyone that Jesus loves us even if we are different!" (*Do activity.*)

BOTTOM LINE

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AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Great job! Your wells look awesome. **Jesus loves everyone NO MATTER WHAT! Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!**"

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3. LOVE PARACHUTE

WHAT YOU NEED: Parachute or large sheet, and large foam hearts

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Invite the children to stand around the parachute. Encourage the children to each take hold of the parachute and lift it off the ground. Place the hearts onto the parachute.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Instruct the children to move their arms up and down to move the parachute to bounce the hearts. Repeat several times.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Let's bounce all of the different hearts up and down."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "We have hearts on our parachute because Jesus loves everyone. Everyone pick up the parachute. (Pause.) Let's see how high we can bounce the hearts! (Do activity.) Way to go!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "WOW! We really sent the different hearts super high! Everyone is different and Jesus loves us ALL no matter what! **Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!**"

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4. DIFFERENT ICE CREAM

WHAT YOU NEED: "Cone" and "Scoops" Activity Pages; white, pink, brown, yellow, light green, and red cardstock; scissors; and glue sticks

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy the "Cone" Activity Page onto the white cardstock. Copy the "Scoops" Activity Page onto all of the other colors of cardstock. Be sure you have several scoops of ice cream in each color. Cut out each scoop. Lay all of the colored scoops on the table.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Give each child a "Cone" Activity Page and encourage them to pick three scoops from the table. Help the children glue the three scoops on top of each other on the cone.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Point out to the children that each of their ice cream cones is different.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Yum! Ice cream!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "We are going to make an ice cream cone on our paper. Here is your cone. (Give each child a "Cone" Activity Page.) You may choose three flavors of ice cream to go on your cone. (Point to scoops.) Then you can glue your ice cream to the cone." (Do activity.)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Nice work! All of your ice cream cones look different. That is because we all like different things, and we are all different! **Jesus loves everyone** even though we are different, just like how He loved the woman at the well. **Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!**"