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PRELUDE

SOCIAL

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HOME



BIBLE STORY

Jesus loves us when
no one else does.

The Unloved Woman
JOHN 8:2-11

MEMORY VERSE

“Love each other as I have
loved you.”

JOHN 15:12, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who does Jesus love?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus loves everyone.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my
friend forever.

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.
We Need Friends
Spread Love Around
Read About the Love

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.
Heart Verse
Jesus Loves Everyone
Dancing with Friends
Cotton Candy

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home
Parent Cue

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1. WE NEED FRIENDS

WHAT YOU NEED: 10-15 small plush animals (*at least 1 per child*) and 1 large plush animal

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Place the large plush animal in the middle of the activity area. Place the small plush animals all around the activity area in plain sight.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Tell the children that the large plush animal is lonely and needs friends. Encourage the children to go around the room and collect the small plush animals and place them next to the large one in the middle. Be sure every child has a plush animal to move to the middle.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "WOW! Look at all of the friends we have in the room today. (*Point.*) Uh-oh! The one in the middle looks really lonely. (*Point.*) He needs friends!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Can you go around the room and gather all of the little friends and bring them to this guy? (*Point.*) He really needs friends! (*Do activity.*) Great job!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Yay! Now he has friends! We all need friends! You know, Jesus wants to be our friend forever! In our Bible story today, we are going to hear about a woman who really needed friends too. I can't wait to find out who wanted to be her friend!"

TRANSITION: Move to Bible story time by having the children hold hands with their friends as they walk to the story area.

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PLAY

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while having fun and learning new concepts

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2. SPREAD THE LOVE

WHAT YOU NEED: Muffin tin and 20-30 small foam hearts

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Place the foam hearts in a center cup of the muffin tin.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Tell the children that the center cup has all of the love and we need to spread the love around. Help the children distribute the hearts to all of the cups in the muffin tin. Be sure all of the cups—including the center cup—have hearts in them.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Let's pretend that we are the muffin cups. (Point.) Jesus can be this one!" (Point to the filled cup.)

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Jesus has so much love to give! Let's take some of the hearts out of this cup and move them to the all of the other ones. (Do activity.) Perfect! Now everyone has love! Jesus loves everyone!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "That was fun spreading the love! Jesus loves us even if no one else does. Today we are going to hear about a woman who needed a friend. I wonder who wanted to be her friend forever. You will find out soon!"

TRANSITION: Move to Bible story time by saying, "Let's spread the love by telling everyone that Jesus loves you!" Chant "Jesus loves you" as you walk to the story area.

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EXPLORE

an activity that channels a preschooler's innate curiosity into a discussion
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3. READ ABOUT THE LOVE

WHAT YOU NEED: Preschool books about love, the "Pick it Up" song, and a CD player

Note: Visit <https://www.pinterest.com/firstlookcurr/february-2018-sweet-shop/> for book suggestions

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Lay all of the books in the activity area.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Allow the children to look at the books on their own.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Sit down with the children and read one book to them.

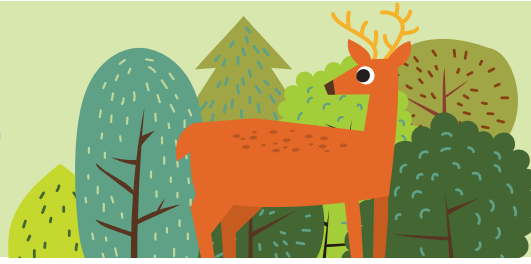
WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Yay! We get to look at books! These books are all about love!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: (Allow the children to look at books.) "God gives us people who love us—like Jesus. **Jesus loves everyone!**"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Awesome! We are going to hear a Bible story today about how Jesus loved someone even when no one else did. I cannot wait for you to hear this TRUE story from the Bible!"

TRANSITION: Play the "Pick It Up" song while the children help you clean the activity area. Say, "Oh, I hear the 'Pick It Up' song! Let's clean up the area so we can go to the story area."



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**HEAR
FROM GOD**
MEMORY VERSE
REVIEW



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1. HEART VERSE

WHAT YOU NEED: "Heart Verse" Activity Page, white cardstock, scissors, and dot markers

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy the Activity Page onto the cardstock and cut on the dotted lines.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Give each child a heart and the dot markers. Encourage the children to decorate the heart with the dot markers.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Say the memory verse with the children.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Our memory verse tells us that Jesus wants us to love our friends just like He loves us. Jesus loves everyone!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Use the markers to make your heart beautiful! You can take it home and tell your family how Jesus loves everyone!" (*Do activity.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Great job! Your hearts look awesome. Now let's say our memory verse together. Love each other as I have loved you, John 15:12. Awesome! **Jesus loves everyone** no matter what! **Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!**"

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2. JESUS LOVES EVERYONE

WHAT YOU NEED: "Woman" Activity Page, white cardstock, and heart stickers

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy the Activity Page onto the cardstock.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Give each child an Activity Page and some heart stickers. Encourage the children to place the stickers all around the woman.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Retell today's Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: (*Hold up Activity Page.*) "This is the woman in our Bible story today. She did not have any friends and was lonely."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Jesus loved her even when no one else did! Let's put hearts all around her to show that Jesus loved her!" (*Do activity.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Jesus knew the woman did not have any friends, but He wanted to be her friend forever anyway. He loves everyone no matter what!
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3. DANCING WITH FRIENDS

WHAT YOU NEED: CD Player, the monthly song, and small plush animals (1 per child)

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Place the CD in the CD player and play the music.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Give each child a plush animal and encourage them to dance with their "friend." Repeat several times.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Jesus wants to be our friend forever! He loves everyone!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Everyone pick a friend to dance with. (*Point to plush animals.*) I am going to play a special song and you can hug and dance with your new friend!" (*Do activity.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Great job dancing with your friends. Now everyone put your friend back in the pile with their other friends. (*Pause.*) Perfect! Jesus wants to be our friend forever. He loves everyone! **Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!**"



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4. COTTON CANDY

WHAT YOU NEED: “Cotton Candy” Activity Page, white cardstock, liquid glue, and pink craft fluffs

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy the Activity Page onto the cardstock.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Help the children glue the craft fluffs onto the page inside the dotted lines.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Allow the page to dry.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: “Let’s add some cotton candy to our sweet shop!”

DURING THE ACTIVITY: (Give each child an Activity Page.) “This page is missing the fluffy cotton candy. It goes inside the dotted lines. (Point.) Let’s glue on our candy!” (Do activity.)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: “Great job! Our sweet shop has cotton candy! Candy is sweet to taste, but we can be a different kind of sweet. We can be sweet to each other! **Jesus loves everyone** and wants us to love everyone too! **Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!**”