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PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME



BIBLE STORY

Jesus never stops loving us.

Peter's Denial and Restoration
MATTHEW 26:31-35, 69-75;
JOHN 21:15-17

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


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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.
Set of Three
Animal Sounds
Heart Cookies 

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 Run
Dotted Heart
Freeze Dance
Gumball

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

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1. SET OF THREE

WHAT YOU NEED: "Three" Activity Page, white cardstock, scissors, and floor tape

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy the "Three" Activity Page on cardstock and cut on dotted lines. Tape the candy cutouts to the floor in three separate areas in the activity area. Be sure they are secure.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Count to three and have the children run to a cutout. Then count to three again and have them run back to you. Repeat several times.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "There is candy on our floor!" (*Point.*)

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "I see THREE pieces of candy in THREE different spots! When I count to THREE, everyone run to candy. You can run to any of the three spots that you see candy. Are you ready?" (*Do activity.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Great job! There were a lot of THREES in that fun activity! We are going to hear a special Bible story today with the number three. I am so excited for you to hear it!"

TRANSITION: Move to Bible story time by counting to three as you walk to the story area.

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PLAY

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2. ANIMAL SOUNDS

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Guide the children to stand in front of you.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Make different animal sounds with the children, such as: cow, dog, duck, pig, turkey, and rooster. Repeat as desired.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Let's pretend to be animals!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Let's make the sound that a cow would make. MOOOO. Awesome! What about a dog? Can you sound like a dog? WOOF WOOF! Wahoo! Now let's sound like a duck! QUACK QUACK. Yay! Can you gobble like a turkey? GOBBLE GOBBLE. Now let's sound like pigs! OINK OINK. You are all so good at this! One more animal! Let's sound like ROOSTERS! COCK-A-DOODLE-DOO!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "You sounded just like real animals. One of the animals we sounded like is in our story today. It is the ROOSTER! I cannot wait to hear our story today!"

TRANSITION: Move to Bible story time by saying, "Cock-a-doodle-doo!" while walking to the story area.



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EXPLORE

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3. HEART COOKIES

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

WHAT YOU NEED: "Allergy Alert Poster," white cardstock, red or pink Play-Doh®, heart-shaped cookie cutters, and wet wipes

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Allergy Alert Poster" on white cardstock and hang on the door. Give each child some Play-Doh, and place the cookie cutters on the table.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage the children to use the cookie cutters to make pretend heart-shaped cookies out of the dough.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Wipe messy fingers with the wet wipes.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "It is Play-Doh time! I love Play-Doh!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Since we are talking about how much Jesus loves us and we have a sweet shop this month, let's make pretend heart cookies!" (Do activity.)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Yum! Your cookies look amazing! The heart shapes remind me of love! Today we are going to talk about how Jesus NEVER stops loving us! Are you ready for a TRUE story from the Bible?" (Pause.)

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

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**HEAR
FROM GOD**
MEMORY VERSE
REVIEW



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1. HEART RUN

WHAT YOU NEED: Floor tape

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Make a large heart on the floor with the floor tape.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Challenge the children to run to the heart and say the memory verse with you. Then ask the children to run back to you. Repeat several times.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Jesus loves everyone, and He wants us to love everyone too!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "When I say GO, run to the heart (*point*) and we will say our memory verse. Are you ready?" (*Do activity several times.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Fantastic! Our memory verse tells us that **Jesus loves everyone** and that He wants us to love everyone too! **Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!**"

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TALK
ABOUT GOD
BIBLE STORY
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CREATE

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2. DOTTED HEART

WHAT YOU NEED: "Dotted Heart" Activity Page, light pink cardstock, and dot markers

WHAT YOU DO:

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

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Give each child an Activity Page and some dot markers. Encourage the children to use the markers to color the three hearts on their page. Retell today's Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "There are three hearts on our page (*point*), just like the number three in our story today."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "The words in the hearts say, '**Jesus loves everyone.**' Let's use our markers to color the hearts. (*Do activity.*) Peter and Jesus were good friends. Peter loved Jesus, and he loved telling other people all about how he loved Jesus. One day, Jesus told Peter that before the rooster crowed, Peter would say three times that he was not Jesus' friend. Jesus was taken away by some bad men and Peter was left all alone. Then three people asked him if he was Jesus' friend. Do you remember what he said? (*Pause.*) Right! He said NO three times, just like Jesus said he would. Peter felt bad. He was afraid that Jesus did not love him anymore because of what he did. Then he saw Jesus on the beach and Jesus asked him three times, 'Peter, do you love me?' Do you remember what he said? (*Pause.*) YES! He said YES three times!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Jesus never stops loving us, just like He never stopped loving Peter. He loves everyone! **Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!**"

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3. FREEZE DANCE

WHAT YOU NEED: CD player and the monthly song

WHAT YOU DO:

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

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage the children to dance to the music. After a few minutes of dancing, turn off the music. Encourage the children to shout, 'Jesus loves everyone!' Repeat several times.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Let's dance!" (*Turn on the music and encourage the children to dance.*)

DURING THE ACTIVITY: (*Turn off the music.*) "Great dancing! Now say, 'Jesus loves everyone!' as loud as you can! (*Pause.*) Awesome! Let's dance again!" (*Repeat several times.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "That was fun! Jesus never stops loving us no matter what! Jesus loves EVERYONE! **Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!**"

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4. GUMBALL

WHAT YOU NEED: "Gumball" Activity Page; white cardstock; scissors; blue, yellow, green, and red stamp pads; and wet wipes

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy the Activity Page onto the cardstock and cut in half on the dotted line. Each child will need a half page.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Give each child an Activity Page, and help them make fingerprints in all of the different colors inside the gumball machine. Be sure to wipe the children's fingers in between colors.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Allow the pages to dry.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "It is time to make another sweet for our sweet shop!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Here is an empty gumball machine. (*Hold up.*) We need to put gumballs in it. We are going to use our fingers for the gumballs. How cool is that?" (*Do activity.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Now our gumball machine is full of gumballs! It is perfect for our sweet shop. The gumballs are all different just like we are all different. **Jesus loves everyone. Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!**"