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SMALL GROUP

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

Jesus said to love one another.

JESUS GIVES A NEW COMMAND JOHN 4:1-30, 13:34-35; LUKE 18:15-16, 19:1-10

MEMORY VERSE

"You are the light of the world."

MATTHEW 5:14, NIRV

KEY QUESTION

Who can love like Jesus?

BOTTOM LINE

I can love like Jesus.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.

In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

SMALL GROUP

15 MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Offer one or more of these activities as preschoolers arrive. Let Them Dinner Time Light Bright Lava Bags

LARGE GROUP



WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"Be a Light" Bible Story Prayer

SMALL GROUP



GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Offer as many of these activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow.

Heart Verse Story Basket We Can Love Like Jesus Move the Heart Book

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home Memory Verse Card Parent Cue Card (print or email) Parent Cue App



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PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION 15 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

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



1. LET THEM

WHAT YOU NEED: Painter's tape

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Make a straight line on the floor with tape. Ask children to stand on the tape while you stand on the opposite side of the room.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Ask the children to walk to you, having them stop every so often until they make it all the way to you.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Introduce the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends! Come line up on the tape line. I'm going to stand over here so we can play a game."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "When I say, 'Come to me!' I want you to walk to me. And when I say, 'Stop!' I want you to freeze right where you are. Ready? Friends, come to me. (Pause.) Stop! (Pause.) Come to me. (Continue until all the children make it to you. Then, repeat as desired.) That was super-fun playing with you today!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible Story today, we're going to hear about children who wanted to see Someone but were told to stop. Let's go find out Who the children were going to see."

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by continuing the game—asking children to "Come to me!" then "Stop!"

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2. DINNER TIME

WHAT YOU NEED: Party paper plates, paper cups, plastic spoons, and fancy print napkins

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Place all the items on the table.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to set a place at the table for a special dinner. Make sure each place has a plate, a cup, a napkin, and a spoon.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Introduce the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends! Let's set the table for a special dinner! We have lots of fancy things we can use."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Make sure everyone gets a plate, a cup, a spoon, and a napkin. (*Pause.*) Wow! This looks so special! You did a great job setting the table so nicely! What are your favorite things to eat? (*Pause.*) Look at our table! It's so special, and it looks ready for dinner."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In today's Bible Story, we are going to hear how Jesus had dinner with someone. Let's go find out who!"

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by pretending to make dinner as you walk. Call out different actions like stirring ingredients, opening the oven, etc.



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3. LIGHT BRIGHT LAVA BAGS

WHAT YOU NEED: Gallon-size resealable bags, baby or cooking oil, neon liquid watercolor paint, clear packing tape, measuring spoons, and a light table; *Optional: blacklight fixture or flashlight*

WHAT YOU DO:

by filling each gallon-size resealable bag 1/3 full of oil. Add two or three tablespoons of neon paint, one color per bag. Carefully squeeze out excess air from the bags and seal. Completely cover the seal with tape. For an extra layer of protection, place the filled bag inside another empty bag, push out excess air, and close to secure. Place the bags on the light table, and dim lights in the classroom if possible.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to explore the colors from the lava bags on the light table. Optional: If providing black light fixtures or flashlights, turn them on near the bags to make the colors pop.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Introduce the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, I have something REALLY cool to show you. Come gather around the table with me."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "WOW! Look at the lights! Aren't they pretty? What colors do you see? (*Pause.*) What happens when we move them around? (*Pause.*) They're glowing! What happens if we take them off the light table? (*Pause.*) Do they glow like they did when they were on the light table? (*Pause.*) Keep playing and exploring all the different colors."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible Story today, we'll learn how we can be bright lights too. Come with me."

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by encouraging the kids to twinkle their fingers like twinkling stars as they travel.



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1. HEART VERSE

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: Handheld mirror, and a red dry-erase marker

Note: You can find examples of hand motions in the "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF and video, included in the Prelude folder and on Pinterest.

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Draw a heart outline on the mirror using the dryerase marker. Review the Memory Verse and motions with the children.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Hold the mirror in front of each child, and encourage them to say the Memory Verse as they look at themselves in the mirror. Continue with each child.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come stand with me, and let's practice doing the motions as we say our Memory Verse together. Ready? 'You (point to others) are the light (twinkle fingers) of the world,' (make a circle with your arms) Matthew 5:14. (Open hands like a book.) Great job!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Let's keep practicing! But this time as you say it, I'm going to come around to each of you and let you say the verse into the mirror. [Child's name], we'll start with you. Everyone ready to say the verse as we do the motions together? (Hold the mirror in front of the child's face.) 'You (point to others) are the light (twinkle fingers) of the world,' (make a circle with your arms) Matthew 5:14. (Open hands like a book.) Let's keep going! (Move to the next child.) [Child's name], it's your turn to look in the mirror. (Continue with each child.) That was so much fun! What did you see when you looked in the mirror? (Pause.) There was a heart and inside it was YOU because 'You are the light of the world' (Matthew 5:14)."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "The Bible teaches us that Jesus said: 'You are the light of the world' (Matthew 5:14). Friends, that means when we love like Jesus, OUR (point to everyone) light shines brightly for others to see. Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!"



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2. STORY BASKET [TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: Basket, baby doll, solid yellow paper plate, craft stick, masking tape, permanent marker, unopened bottle of water, and a plush red heart

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Draw a sad face on the yellow paper plate, and tape it to a craft stick. Place all the items in the basket.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Hold up each item, and pass it around as you review the story.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Come sit in a circle with me. Look, we have a story basket! Let's see what's inside!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Everyone, gather around and sit down! (Hold up the baby doll.) What is this? (Pause.) Yes, it's a baby! (Pass the baby around.) In our Bible Story, Jesus told His disciples to let the children come to Him because Jesus loved the little children.

"Next, we have this face. (Hold up the sad face.) Is it a happy face or a sad face? (Pause.) You're right! It's a sad face. (Pass the sad face around.) In our Bible Story, a man named Zacchaeus was sad because a lot of people were mad at him because he had made bad choices. But Jesus loved Zacchaeus and went to Zacchaeus' house. Jesus helped Zacchaeus learn how to love like Jesus!

"There's more in our story basket! What is this? (Hold up the unopened bottle of water.) Yes! This is water! (Pass the unopened bottle of water around.) In our Bible Story, a woman went to a well to get water, and Jesus asked her for a drink. She was from a different town, and the people in her town were not friends with the people in His town. Jesus loved the woman even though she lived in a different town, and He wanted to be her friend forever.

"I see one more thing in our story basket. (Hold up the plush heart.) What is this? (Pause.) You're right! This is a heart. (Pass the heart around.) Hearts make me think of love. And that is what Jesus said is the most important thing we can do—love each other the way Jesus loves us! That means we can love children. (Hold up the baby.) We can love people when they make bad choices. (Hold up the sad face.) And we can love people no matter where they live!" (Hold up the unopened bottle of water.)





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AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Jesus wants me (thumbs to chest) to love like Jesus and He wants you (point to children) to love like Jesus. So, when I ask you, 'Who can love like Jesus?' I want you to say 'I can love like Jesus.' Ready? Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!"



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3. WE CAN LOVE LIKE JESUS [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Painter's tape

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Create a large heart on the floor with tape in the activity area.

BIBLE STORY

Jesus said to love one another.

JESUS GIVES A NEW COMMAND JOHN 4:1-30, 13:34-35; LUKE 18:15-16, 19:1-10 **DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Have children stand around the room, away from the heart. Ask children to run to the heart and jump in. Then say: "Yay! We can love like Jesus." Repeat as desired.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line.

MEMORY VERSE

"You are the light of the world."

MATTHEW 5:14, NIRV

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Look at this great big heart on the floor! Hearts make us think of . . . LOVE! That's right! I have a game for us to play with this heart. But first, I want you to spread out all over the room away from the heart."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Okay, when I say, 'GO!' I want everyone to run to the heart and jump in! Ready, set, GO! (*Pause.*) Stay right there and say: 'Yay! We can love like Jesus!' (*Pause.*) Yay! We can love like Jesus! (*Clap.*) So fun! Okay, spread out all around the room again. Ready, set, GO! (*Repeat as desired.*) That was so fun! Everyone, come sit down inside the heart with me."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, all of us in this heart can love like Jesus and love everyone too! And when we love everyone the way Jesus loves us, we are doing the most important thing Jesus taught us to do and that's to love like Jesus! So, tell me: Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!"

KEY QUESTION

Who can love like Jesus?

BOTTOM LINE

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4. MOVE THE HEART BOOK [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Move the Heart Book" and "Move the Heart" Activity Pages, cardstock, red cardstock, crayons, 1/8" satin ribbon, clear tape, scissors, and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Move the Heart Book" on cardstock, one per child. Create a ¼" slit along the fold line in the middle of the page. Fold the book where indicated. Copy "Move the Heart" on red cardstock and cut, one cutout per child. Cut ribbon in 4" lengths, one per child. Tape one heart cutout to one of the ends of the ribbon.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to color the pictures in their book. Unfold each book, slide the ribbon through the slit, and tape the ribbon on the back side of the paper. Fold each book again, and show children how to move the heart to each picture in their book.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible Story and Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, I have a neat book for us to make today. Come sit at the table, and we'll get started."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Use the crayons to color each of the pictures in your book. There is a picture of Jesus with the children. And a picture of Jesus with Zacchaeus. And a picture of Jesus with the woman at the well. These are the pictures from our Bible Story today. Good job coloring all the pictures of Jesus loving others! I have something special to add to your books. (Hold up one of the hearts.) It's a heart, and we know that hearts mean love. (Unfold each book, insert the ribbon, tape, then refold.) Now your books have a heart that you can move to each picture like this. (Demonstrate.) Let's use your books to follow along as I read."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "The cover of our book says, 'I can love like Jesus.' Put your heart on the page. (*Pause.*) Let's turn the page.

"I see Jesus with children. Put your heart on this page. The children wanted to get close to Jesus when He was teaching, and the disciples told them to go away. But Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me' (Luke 18:16, NIrV). Jesus loved the children! Jesus loves everyone—children, grown-ups, grandparents. We can love like Jesus and love everyone too!



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"On the next page, I see Jesus with Zacchaeus. Put your heart on this page. Jesus loved Zacchaeus even when he made bad choices. He wanted to help Zacchaeus love others. Jesus loves everyone—even when they make bad choices. We can love like Jesus and love everyone too! Okay, turn to the last page.

"I see Jesus with the woman at the well. Put your heart on this page. Jesus loved the woman even though she lived in a different town. Jesus loves everyone—no matter where they live. We can love like Jesus and love everyone too! When we love everyone the way Jesus loves us, we are doing the most important thing Jesus taught us to do, and that's to love like Jesus! You can love like Jesus, and I can love like Jesus! Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!"



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GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION (15 MINUTES)

Encourage preschoolers to enter the classroom and engage with peers and Small Group Leaders by providing fun, age-appropriate, hands-on activities that introduce new concepts they will hear in the Bible Story.

Offer one or more of the following activities as preschoolers arrive. Let one or two Small Group Leaders lead activities in different areas of the room while another leader greets parents and children at the door.

1. LET THEM

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

WHAT YOU NEED:

Painter's tape

WHAT YOU DO:

Make a straight line on the floor with tape.

2. DINNER TIME

Made to Play: An activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Party paper plates
- Paper cups
- Plastic spoons
- Fancy print napkins

WHAT YOU DO:

· Place all the items on the table.

3. LIGHT BRIGHT LAVA BAGS

Made to Explore: An activity that channels a preschooler's innate curiosity into a discussion of the week's crucial concepts

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Gallon-size resealable bags
- Baby or cooking oil
- Neon liquid watercolor paint
- Clear packing tape
- Measuring spoons

- Light table
- · Optional: blacklight fixture or flashlight

WHAT YOU DO:

- Create several lava bags by filling each gallonsize resealable bag 1/3 full of oil. Add two or three tablespoons of neon paint, one color per bag.
- Carefully squeeze out excess air from the bags and seal.
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- For an extra layer of protection, place the filled bag inside another empty bag, push out excess air, and close to secure.
- Place the bags on the light table, and dim lights in the classroom if possible.

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT (25 MINUTES)

Create a safe place to connect through activities written to reach every learning style while reinforcing the Bottom Line introduced during the Bible Story and applying it to real-life experiences. In addition, these activities provide preschoolers with an opportunity to build relationships with their Small Group Leader.

Offer as many of the following activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow. You may want to lead one activity at a time. Or offer two activities at once and allow half the kids to participate in each. Then switch groups and repeat the activities.

1. HEART VERSE

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Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

WHAT YOU NEED:

- · Handheld mirror
- Red dry-erase marker

WHAT YOU DO:

 Draw a heart outline on the mirror using the dry-erase marker.



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- Craft stick
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- Permanent marker
- Unopened bottle of water
- Plush red heart

WHAT YOU DO:

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- Place all the items in the basket.

3. WE CAN LOVE LIKE JESUS [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

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WHAT YOU NEED:

· Painter's tape

WHAT YOU DO:

• Create a large heart on the floor with tape in the activity area.

4. MOVE THE HEART BOOK [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

Made to Create: An activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible Story, Bottom Line, or Memory Verse by creating a craft

WHAT YOU NEED:

- "Move the Heart Book" Activity Page
- "Move the Heart" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Red cardstock
- Crayons
- 1/8" satin ribbon
- Clear tape
- Scissors
- Permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

- Copy "Move the Heart Book" on cardstock, one per child.
- Fold the book where indicated.
- Create a slit about 1/4" in the middle of the page.
- Copy "Move the Heart" on red cardstock and cut, one per child.
- Cut ribbon in 4" lengths, one per child.
- Tape one heart cutout to one of the ends of the ribbon.



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HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

- Make copies on cardstock or email this week's Parent Cue card.
- Copy the Memory Verse Card to hand out or make available to parents.
- Copy "Going Home" and hang it on the door where Small Group Leaders can reference and remind parents of the Bottom Line and Memory Verse as parents pick up their children.
- Tell parents about our additional family resource, the **Parent Cue App.**

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