

WEEK 4 - February 2020 - PRESCHOOL

Bible Story Focus: We can love like Jesus.
Love Others • John 15:12
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.

Make it True

Captivate kids with a bible story and help them understand how it connects to their world.

-Large group time

9:25-9:45 | 10:55-11:15 | 12:25-12:45 - MAKE IT TRUE

LARGE GROUP SCRIPT:

Bible Story What You Need: A Bible and a large "1" cutout

(Storyteller enters carrying the Bible and the "1" cutout.)

STORYTELLER: "Hey, everyone! I'm so glad all of you, my friends, are here today. Friends are awesome! Did you know that Jesus taught us how to be a good friend? (*Pause.*) He did! If you're ready for a true story from the Bible about how to be a good friend, on the count of three, yell, 'Tell me a story!' One, two, three!"

CHILDREN: "Tell me a story!"

STORYTELLER: "One night, Jesus was having dinner with his friends, the disciples."

(Option: Story Image W4 01)

"He said the greatest thing you can do *(hold up the "1" cutout)*—the number one most important thing—is to . . . eat your vegetables! *(Laugh.)* Just kidding! Jesus said the number one most important thing He wants all of us to do is to: *Love each other as I have loved you (John 15:12 NIV)*. He wants us to love others like He loves us! And that is a LOT of love because **[Bottom Line]** Jesus loves everyone!

(Option: Story Image W4 02)

"Do you remember the story from earlier this month about the woman Jesus met when he was thirsty? She didn't think Jesus would take a drink of water from her because she was from a different town. But did Jesus love her? (*Pause.*) Yes!

"Jesus loves everyone—even people from different towns. That means we should love everyone even if they are different—no matter where they live or what food they like to eat or what toys they like to play with.

(Hold up the "1" cutout.)

"The number one thing we can do is to love everyone, even people who are different, like Jesus!

(Option: Story Image W4 03)

"Remember when Jesus met Zacchaeus? Zacchaeus had done some pretty bad things, but Jesus told him to come down from that tree. Jesus loved Zacchaeus and wanted to be his friend. So does that mean we should still love our little brother even when he breaks our toy? Yes!

(Hold up the "1" cutout.)

"The number one thing we can do is to love everyone, even toy-breaking younger brothers!

"Remember the woman who was so sad? She had no friends. No one wanted to play with her. No one wanted to share a snack . . . except for who? (*Pause.*)

(Option: Story Image W4 04)

"Yes! Jesus! Jesus loved the woman and was her friend! We should love everyone like Jesus and be a good friend to everyone.

"You could find someone playing alone at school and invite them to play with you. We want to love like Jesus. (Hold up the "1" cutout.) That's the number one thing!

"Jesus loved the woman at the well, he loved Zacchaeus when he climbed up in that tree, and he loved the woman everyone ignored. He loved all of them. *[Bottom Line]* Jesus loves everyone! And because Jesus loves me and because Jesus loves you, the number one thing we can do is love others, too! Who does Jesus love?"

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] "Jesus loves everyone."

STORYTELLER: "Leaders, who does Jesus love?"

LEADERS: [Bottom Line] "Jesus loves everyone."

STORYTELLER: "Okay, everyone all together! Who does Jesus love?"

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] "Jesus loves everyone!"

STORYTELLER: "That's right. Let's pray and thank God for sending Jesus to be our friend forever!"

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "God, we love You. Thank you for sending Jesus to show us how to love others, too. This week, help us to love others because Jesus loves us. In His name we pray, amen."

(Host enters. Storyteller exits.)

CG: Bible Story Wrap-Up Video

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

Engage kids' hearts through dynamic and interactive worship in a Large Group setting.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hey, everybody! I've loved learning about LOVE with you this month. **Who does Jesus love?**"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] "Jesus loves everyone."

WORSHIP LEADER: "He sure does! *[Bottom Line]* Jesus loves everyone. Jesus is the best friend ever. Sing this with me!

(Lead children in singing "I've Got a Friend," this month's worship song.)

"Jesus loves your head and shoulders, knees and toes! He loves every single part of you. **Who does Jesus love?**"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] "Jesus loves everyone."

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes, **[Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone.** Let's say our verse together. 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 hands like a book.) Say it with me!

(Say the verse and do the motions several times together.)

"Great job, friends! I'm so glad to know that Jesus wants to be our friend forever. Jesus' love is bigger and stronger than any love ever! So let's show Him how much we love Him as we sing.

(Lead children in singing "Wow Oh Wow.")

"That was beautiful, friends. Tell me: Who does Jesus love?"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] "Jesus loves everyone."