



## WEEK 4 - May 2020 - PRESCHOOL

**Bible Story Focus:** God loves me and sent Jesus to be my friend forever.

God Gave His Only Son • *John 3:16*

**Memory Verse:** “Nothing at all can ever separate us from God’s love.”

Romans 8:39, NIrV

**Key Question:** Who loves you?

**Bottom Line:** God loves me.

**Basic Truth:** God loves me.

### Make it Fun

*Activities to help kids transition into the classroom and set up the bible story.*

-God Loves you

### Make it True

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

-Large group time

### Make it Stick

*Activities and crafts that help kids personalize the story and apply the truths to their life.*

-Parachute  
-Best Gift  
-Journal and prayer

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**9:10-9:25 | 10:40-10:55 | 12:10-12:25 - MAKE IT FUN**

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## 1. God Loves You!

### Hear from God | Memory Verse Review

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

**What You Need:** A gift box and heart stickers (one sticker per child)

### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Place the heart stickers in the gift box. Set the gift box on the floor in the center of your small group area.

*During the Activity:* Gather the children around the box. Starting with the child on your left, repeat the verse together, replacing the word 'us' with that child's name. So, if the child's name is Elizabeth, you would say, 'Nothing at all can ever separate Elizabeth from God's love.' When a child hears her name, she may walk to the gift box, collect a heart sticker, then return to the same spot in the circle. Continue, reciting the verse with each child's name until every child has a sticker. Encourage the children to say the verse with you.

### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* "Our memory verse this month says, 'Nothing at all can ever separate us from God's love,' Romans 8:39. I'm going to repeat the verse, but I'll include each of your names when I say it. If you hear your name, you may walk over the box and take out ONE heart sticker. How many stickers do we take? (*Pause.*) One, that's right! We want to make sure every friend gets a sticker."

*After the Activity:* "Everyone hold up your heart sticker for me. This sticker will remind you that NOTHING can separate you from God's love. He sent His son Jesus to show us how much He loves each one of us. Jesus came to be our friend forever. So, **who loves you? [Bottom Line] God loves me!**"

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

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### Large Group Overview:

Story Focus: God loves me and sent Jesus to be my friend forever. During week four, preschoolers will hear just how much God loves us. He loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever. That's a very big love.

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**9:45-10:05 | 11:15-11:35 | 12:45-1:05 MAKE IT STICK**

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## 1. Parachute

### Live for God | Application Activity

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

**What You Need:** Red, pink, and white streamers; and a parachute or sheet

**What You Do:** *Before the Activity:* Lay the parachute flat on the floor. Place the streamers on top of the parachute.

*During the Activity:* Ask the children to stand around the parachute with you and invite them to pick up a section of the parachute. Invite the children to shake their arms so that the parachute moves very fast. Encourage the children to try to bounce the streamers high. Repeat several times.

**What You Say:** *Before the Activity:* "Let's celebrate!"

*During the Activity:* "Let's play with the parachute! We are going to put streamers on the parachute to bounce high and celebrate that God loves us." (*Do activity.*)

*After the Activity:* "Awesome job! God loves you. That's something to celebrate! **Who loves you? [Bottom Line] God loves me!**"

## 2. Best Gift

### 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:** The "Story Review Symbol Cards" Activity Page used in the "Pictures of Love" activity, letter envelopes, small peel-n-stick gift bows, crayons, and markers

#### **What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* If you aren't doing the "Pictures of Love" activity, make a copy of "Story Review Symbol Cards" on cardstock for each child. Cut the cards apart. If you do the "Pictures of Love" activity, use the story cards from that activity. Set the "parent note" aside to give parents when they pick up their child.

*During the Activity:* The children will decorate an envelope to look like a present using the bows, crayons, and markers. When they are done decorating their envelope, they will put the story cards inside the envelope to take home.

#### **What You Say:**

*During the Activity:* "God loves us so much, He gave us the best gift ever! God gave us Jesus to be our friend forever. That's a lot of love! Let's decorate these envelopes so

they look like presents. Then we will put our story cards inside of them, because Jesus really is the best gift!”

*After the Activity:* “Your envelopes look so special! Now, when you open your envelope it will be like opening a present. And inside is the best gift that says God loves the world so much, He gave us Jesus. **Who loves you? [Bottom Line] God loves me.**”

### **3. Journal and Prayer**

#### **Pray to God | Prayer Activity**

Made to Reflect: An activity that encourages personal application and prayer

**What You Need:** Paperclip “Memory Verse Card” in your Bible at Romans 8:39. Provide a journal and a fun-shaped pen for each small group.

**SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL):** “It’s small group time. I want everyone to pretend you are holding a little, bitty baby in your arms. Rock it gently. Keep rocking it while we walk to our small group spot.”

*(Pretend you are rocking a baby as you lead the children to your small group spot.)*

**SGL:** “Shhh. I think the babies are sleeping. Let’s lay them down so they can take a nap while we talk about today’s Bible story. One, two, three, sit down with me!

*(Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.)*

**SGL:** “Today we learned that God loves us so much that He sent Jesus to be our friend forever. That’s a lot of love! But wait, there’s more! Nothing at all can ever separate us from God’s love either. It’s true! And the Bible verse we are learning will help us remember how much God loves us.”

*(Turn the pages of your Bible to the Memory Verse Card.)*

**SGL:** “Let’s stand up and say it together with the motions.”

**CHILDREN and SGL:** “Nothing at all *(shake head and wave your arms in front of you)* can separate *(lock your fingers together)* us from God’s *(point up with both hands)* love *(hug yourself)*. Romans 8:39.” *(Open your hands like a book.)*

*(Repeat the verse with the motions a few times.)*

**SGL:** “See? God loves you! A lot! **Who loves you?**”

**CHILDREN and SGL:** *[Bottom Line]* “**God loves me!**”

**SGL:** “Yes, God loves you and everyone in the whole world SO much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever. Now, let’s sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God.”

*(Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.)*

**SGL:** “Today, we are going to make a list of people God loves. Think of someone you want to write down in our prayer journal. When I say your name, you tell me their name, and I’ll write it down. It can be anyone, because God loves everyone!”

*(Say each child’s name and write down who they say. Remember to print the names so the children recognize their names and the letters.)*

**SGL:** “Thank you for making this list with me. Let’s pray and thank God for loving everyone so much He gave us Jesus. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?”

*(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)*

## **Prayer**

**SGL:** “Dear God, thank You for loving us SO much You gave us Jesus to be our friend forever. Thank You for loving *(read the list the children made)*, and everyone else in the world. You really are the best! In Jesus’ name, amen.”