



### WEEK 3 - May 2020 - TWO'S

**Bible Story Focus:** God loves me no matter what.

Prodigal Son • *Luke 15:11-24*

**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*

-Drive

#### **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.*

-Story Sequence  
-Hug it Out  
-Creative Drawing

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

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**2. Drive**

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

**What You Need:** Red butcher paper, pencil, scissors, play cars

**What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Draw a large heart on the butcher paper. Cut out the heart. Tape the heart to the floor in the activity area.

*During the Activity:* Encourage the children to drive the cars around the heart. Be sure each child has a turn.

**What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* "Let's drive!"

*During the Activity:* "You can drive the people all around the heart." (*Point.*)

*After the Activity:* "Today in our Bible story, we are going to talk about a boy who went very far from home. Are you ready to hear a TRUE story from the Bible?"

**Transition:** Move to Bible story time by pretending to drive a car as you walk to the story area.

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

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**What You Need:** This month's worship song, "God Loves Me Specially."

**LEADER:** "Welcome, friends! It's time to sing out to God because **[Bottom Line] God loves me! Who loves you?**"

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** **[Bottom Line] "God loves me!"**

**LEADER:** "Let's sing and dance together!"

*(Lead children in singing "God Loves Me Specially," this month's worship song.)*

**LEADER:** "Yes, it's true! When you dance and sing and play, you can always say, **[Bottom Line] 'God loves me!'**"

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

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## 1. Story Sequence

### Live for God | Application Activity

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

**What You Need:** "Sequence" Activity Pages, cardstock, and wall tape

#### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Copy the Activity Pages onto the cardstock. You will have three pictures. Spread the pictures on the floor in the activity area.

*During the Activity:* Have the children sit in front of the pictures. Ask the children to work together to place pictures in order according of the story. The sequence is 1. Father gives boy money. 2. Boy is spending money. 3. Boy comes home and hugs father. Hang pictures on the wall as they are put in order.

#### What You Say:

Before the Activity: "We heard an amazing story about how God loves us no matter what!"

*During the Activity:* "I have pictures from our Bible story. (*Point.*) They are the father hugging his son, the father giving his son money, and the son spending money. Let's work together to put them in the correct order of the story. Which one do you think is first? (*Pause.*) The picture of the father giving his son money is first. Great job! (*Hang the first picture on the wall.*) Which picture is next? (*Pause.*) You go it! The picture of the son spending all of his money. He did not make good choices, and he ran out of money. (*Hang the second picture on the wall.*) The last picture is of the son coming home and his father hugging him. Even though he made bad choices, the father still loved the son." (*Hang the last picture on the wall.*)

*After the Activity:* "Our Bible story tells us God loves us no matter what! Even if we make bad choices, God will always love us! **Who loves you? [Bottom Line] God loves me!**"

## 2. Hug it Out

### 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:** A teddy bear or stuffed animal

**What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Have the children stand in front of you.

*During the Activity:* Ask the children to run to you and give the teddy bear a hug. Repeat several times.

**What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* "Everyone stand in front of me."

*During the Activity:* "Now, run to me and hug the teddy bear!" (*Hold the bear for them to hug.*)

*After the Activity:* "The son came home and ran to his father, and he hugged him. God loves us even though we make bad choices. He loves us no matter what! **Who loves you? [Bottom Line] God loves me!**"

**3. Creative Drawing**

**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:** fun markers/crayons and pens

**What You Do:**

*During the Activity:* Allow the children to decorate on the paper any way that they like.

**What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* "We are going to draw today!"

*During the Activity:* "You can make anything that you like." (*Do activity.*)

*After the Activity:* "Your drawing is amazing! No matter what we do or what messes we make, God will always love us! **Who loves you? [Bottom Line] God loves me!**"