

WEEK 2 - February 2020 - TWO'S

Today's Bible Story: Jesus loves me and wants to spend time with me.

Mary and Martha • Luke 10:38-42

Memory Verse: "A friend loves at all times." Proverbs 17:17, NIrV

Key Question: Who loves you? **Bottom Line:** Jesus loves me.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Make it Fun

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

.- Bubbles

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.

- -Sit and stand
- -Dance
- -Mary. Martha and Jesus

First 15 min - MAKE IT FUN

1. Bubbles

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

What You Need: Bubble solution and a large bubble wand or machine

NOTE: We recommend that you only use a hand operated wand or bubble machine to prevent from having to blow bubbles with your mouth during the Covid-19 pandemic.

What You Do:

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

During the Activity: Blow the bubbles toward the children. Encourage the children to pop all of the bubbles with their friends. Repeat several times.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "I am so excited to play with bubbles!"

During the Activity: "When I blow the bubbles, you may pop them with your friends. Are you ready? (Do activity.) Great job!"

After the Activity: "We'll hear a wonderful Bible story about how Jesus wants to be our friend."

Transition: Move to Worship and Story by chanting "Jesus wants to be my friend forever" as you walk to the story area.

Large group - MAKE IT TRUE (snack)

What You Need: This month's worship song, "Whole Lotta Bit."

WORSHIP LEADER: "I'm SO glad to see you all today. If you're good, let me see a thumbs-up. (*Pause.*) Awesome! This month, we're talking about Jesus and His BIG love for us. Did you know that [*Basic Truth*] Jesus wants to be my friend forever? It's true! Tell me, who loves you?"

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

WORSHIP LEADER: "He sure does! His love will never quit! Sing this with me.

Lead children in singing "Whole Lotta Bit," this month's worship song.

"Jesus loves you so very much. Not a little bit but a whole lotta bit! Who loves you"?

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

Last 20 min- MAKE IT STICK

1. Sit and Stand

Talk about God | Bible Story Review

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

What You Need: No supplies needed.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Gather the children around you.

During the Activity: Tell the children to listen very carefully. When you say, "Mary," everyone must sit down and look at you. When you say, "Martha," everyone must jump up and pretend to sweep.

After the Activity: Talk about how Jesus wanted to spend time with His friends, Mary and Martha. Mary sat and listened to Jesus, but Martha was too busy and did not sit down.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "I love seeing all my friends here today! Come over here and stand with me."

During the Activity: "We're going to play a game. When I say, 'Mary,' I want everyone to sit down really fast like this. (Sit down.) Then look at me. (Point to yourself.) When I say, 'Martha,' I want everyone to stand up really fast like this. (Stand up.) Then pretend to sweep, like this. (Demonstrate.) Ok, let's play!"

(Say "Mary" and "Martha" as you would in a Stop and Go game. Continue playing as time and attention allow.)

After the Activity: "Jesus went to see His friends, Mary and Martha, because He wanted to spend time with them. Mary sat and listened to Jesus, but Marth was too busy and did not sit down. Jesus wants to spend time you and you and you . . . (point to each child), because He loves you and you and you . . . (point to each child again). Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me!"

2. Dance

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: Music player and the monthly song, "Whole Lotta Bit"

What You Do:

During the Activity: Play monthly song and encourage the children to dance to the music. Repeat as desired.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Let's spend time with each other and with Jesus! We can praise Him and dance together!"

After the Activity: "Friends, you have some awesome dance moves! That was so fun spending time with each other and with Jesus! Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me!"

3. Mary, Martha, and Jesus

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: "Mary, Martha, and Jesus" and "Special Friend" Activity Pages; cardstock; scissors; glue sticks; heart stamps; red washable ink pads; and wet wipes

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Mary, Martha, and Jesus" on cardstock, one per child. Copy "Special Friend" on cardstock and cut, one per child.

During the Activity: Encourage children to glue Jesus between Mary and Martha then stamp it all over with hearts.

After the Activity: Talk about how Jesus wants to spend time with you and me.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Today in our story, we heard how two sisters, Mary and Martha, had a special friend come to visit. Jesus was the special friend who came to visit with Mary and Martha."

During the Activity: "On your paper, I see Mary sitting on one side and Martha holding a broom on the other side. Glue Jesus in the middle of the sisters. (Pause.) Great job! Jesus loves you and me and wants to spend time with us. Stamp hearts all over your paper. (Pause.) Terrific."

After the Activity: "Both sisters were very excited that Jesus was coming to visit, but Martha was busy with cooking and cleaning while Mary sat and talked with Jesus. This made Martha upset, but Jesus told Martha that spending time with Him was the best thing to do. Jesus doesn't need everything to be just right. Jesus loves us, no matter what, and wants to spend time with us. Who loves you? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves me."