



WEEK 2 - March 2021 - PRESCHOOL

Today's Bible Story: When you love like Jesus, you can be a good friend.

Washing Feet • *John 13:3-17*

Memory Verse: "Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12, NIV

Key Question: Who can love like Jesus?

Bottom Line: I can love like Jesus.

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.

-Feet

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.

-Car memory verse
-Car wash limbo
-Hand washing feet
-Journal and prayer

First 15 min - MAKE IT FUN

1. Feet

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: Have the children stand in front of you about six feet apart from each other.

During the Activity: Ask the children to do the following activities with their feet: Jump, small hop, stomp, march in place, run in place, and kick the air. Repeat as desired.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Hey, friends! God gave us feet so that we can do so many different things!"

During the Activity: "Let's do fun things with our feet! First, let's JUMP! *(Pause.)* Way to go! Now, let's take a small hop. *(Pause.)* Perfect! Can you stomp your feet? *(Pause.)* Now march in place! You are so good at doing things with your feet! Let's keep going." *(Finish activity.)*

After the Activity: "Today, we'll hear a Bible story about someone who washed their friends' feet and how we can be a good friend! I am very excited for our Bible story today!"

Transition: Move to Worship and Story by using your feet to march to the story area.

Large group - MAKE IT TRUE

Large Group Overview:

Story Focus: When you love like Jesus, you can be a good friend. Week two, we will hear about the time Jesus showed us how to love others by washing His disciples' feet. This was the ultimate example of what it looks like to be a good friend—serving others and putting their needs before our own. When Jesus was done, He told His disciples to go and do for others what He had done for them. We want our preschoolers to know that when they choose to put others first and be a good friend, they are loving like Jesus

Last 20 min- MAKE IT STICK

1. Car Memory Verse

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: Butcher paper, permanent marker, matchbox cars,

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Have the children help you make a road on the butcher paper.

During the Activity: Gather the children around the butcher paper. Point out the verse and repeat with the motions as written below. Then encourage the children to drive their cars along the page to create lines with the cars as you repeat the verse together.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, gather around our table with me."

During the Activity: " Do you remember the motions of our memory from last week? Let's say it together.

"Love each other (*hug yourself*) as I (*point up*) have loved you,' (*point thumbs to chest*)
John 15:12. (*Open hands like a book.*)

"Great job! I want you to roll it carefully along the road. Let's keep driving our cars as we say our verse together."

After the Activity: "Look at the masterpiece you created. I love it! We can love others because Jesus loves us! I'm so glad to know that **[Basic Truth] Jesus wants to be my friend forever. Who can love like Jesus? [Bottom Line] I can love like Jesus.**"

2. Car Wash Limbo

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: Limbo stick or pool noodle; blue streamers; scissors; and duct tape

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Cut streamers in long lengths and tape to the limbo stick or pool noodle.

During the Activity: Encourage children to go through the car wash and say the Bottom Line. Adjust the height of the stick periodically. Repeat as long as desired.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Come join me, friends."

During the Activity: “We’re going to use our imaginations and pretend this is a car wash. When you go through, say, **[Bottom Line:] ‘I can love like Jesus.’** Ready to get clean in the car wash? *(Pause.)* Let’s go one at a time, and remember as you go through to say, **[Bottom Line] ‘I can love like Jesus.’** *(Continue with each child then lower the stick. Repeat as long as desired.)* Awesome job, friends! Have a seat on the floor.”

After the Activity: “In our story, we heard how Jesus washed His friend’s feet. Jesus wanted to show them how much He loved them. We can be good friends like Jesus, too. **Who can love like Jesus? [Bottom Line] I can love like Jesus.**”

3. Hand Washing Feet

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: “Two Feet” Activity Page; cardstock; hole punch; brads; facial tissue; water color paint; paint brushes; small plastic containers; water; scissors; glue sticks; and a pen

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Two Feet” Activity Page on cardstock, one per child. Trace each child’s hand on cardstock and cut out. Punch a hole in each child’s hand cutout near the wrist and punch a hole in each Activity Page below the feet. Put a small amount of water in the plastic containers.

During the Activity: Encourage children to paint the feet on their paper then around the feet with blue paint. Have children glue the tissue to their hand cutout. Once the paint is dry attach the hand to their paper with the brad. Demonstrate how the hand moves back and forth to wash the feet.

After the Activity: Review the story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Today in our story, Jesus wanted to show His friends how much He loved them. He showed them by doing something really special. Do you remember what Jesus did? *(Pause.)* That’s right! Jesus washed His friend’s feet!”

During the Activity: “Let’s make a craft to help us remember our story. On your paper are two feet. Color them in with paint. *(Pause.)* Now use the blue to paint around the feet. *(Pause.)* While we let that dry, glue the tissue to your hand cutout. *(Pause.)* I will attach the hand to your paper, and you watch what it does. *(Demonstrate.)* Show me on your paper how your hand moves to wash the feet. *(Pause.)* Awesome!”

After the Activity: “Jesus is God’s Son. He is very important. But Jesus loved His friends and wanted to show them how much they meant to Him. So He knelt down and washed their dirty feet. No one is too important to do something for their friends. Jesus is a good friend, and we can be good friends, too. When we love like Jesus, we can be a good friend. **Who can love like Jesus? [Bottom Line] I can love like Jesus.**”

4. Journal and Prayer

Pray to God | Prayer Activity

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

What You Need: Paper clipped “Memory Verse Card” in Bible at John 15:12, journal, and fun-shaped pen

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): “It’s Small Group time! Today, we’ll hop on our feet like this (*demonstrate*) to our small group spot. Follow me friends, and let’s get hopping! (*Hop on both feet as you lead the children to your small group spot.*)

“Whew! You guys are great hoppers! Let’s sit down and rest 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.*)

“Jesus did something with feet in our Bible story today. He didn’t hop on them, though. What did Jesus do with feet in our story? (*Pause.*) Yes, Jesus washed His friends’ feet to show them what it looks like to love people the way He loves us. Jesus put His friends first.

“When Jesus was done washing His friends’ feet, He told them to go and love others the way He has loved them. That’s why we’re learning the Bible verse. (*Turn the pages of your Bible to the Memory Verse Card.*)

“‘Love each other as I have loved you,’ John 15:12. (*Close Bible and lay it down.*)

“Those are Jesus’ words. Jesus is telling you and me to love each other as He has loved us. Let’s stand up and say that together with the motions.”

CHILDREN and SGL:

“‘Love each other (*hug yourself*) as I (*point up*) have loved you,’ (*point thumbs to chest*) John 15:12.” (*Open hands like a book.*)

(Repeat the verse with motions a few times.)

SGL: “Jesus will never tell us to do something that He won’t help us do. That’s why I know we can love each other the way Jesus loves us. So when I ask, ‘**Who can love like Jesus?**’, I want you to say, [**Bottom Line**] ‘**I can love like Jesus!**’ Get ready! **Who can love like Jesus?**”

CHILDREN and SGL: [**Bottom Line**] “**I can love like Jesus!**”

SGL: “Again! **Who can love like Jesus?**”

CHILDREN and SGL: [**Bottom Line**] “**I can love like Jesus!**”

SGL: (*cheering*) “Yay! [**Bottom Line**] **I can love like Jesus!**”

“Let’s sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.*)

“Jesus washed His friends’ dirty feet to be a good friend and show them He loved them. Let’s make a list of things we can do for our friends to show them we want to be a good friend. When I say your name, tell me one way you can be a good friend and show your friends you love them, and I will write it in our prayer journal. Get ready and listen for your name!

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

“Wow! This is a great list! Let’s use it when we talk to God. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?”

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

Prayer

SGL: “Dear God, we want to be a good friend and love others the way Jesus loves us. Will You help [child’s name and what they listed] and [next child’s name and what they listed] . . .

(continue with the children’s list) . . . so we can be good friends and love others the way Jesus loves us? We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”