



Memory Verse:

“Love each other as I have loved you.”

JOHN 15:12, NIVV

Bottom Line:

I can love like Jesus.

WEEK 3 - March 2021 - TWO'S

Today's Bible Story: When you love like Jesus, you can love everyone.

Love One Another • *John 13:34-35*

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

-Hidden Cars

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.

-I can love
-Tunnel
-Love one another frame

First 15 min - MAKE IT FUN

1. Hidden Cars

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

What You Need: Ten toy cars, heart stickers

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Place heart stickers on five of the toy cars. Hide all of the cars around the room

During the Activity: Encourage the children to try to find a car with a sticker on it. Repeat the activity until all of the cars have been found.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Let's see what cars we can find!" (*Point to the bin.*)

During the Activity: "There are special stickers on the cars. Let's see what they are!" (*Continue and finish activity.*)

After the Activity: "Nice work! You found cars with heart stickers on them. Hearts mean LOVE! Today, our Bible story is about how Jesus can teach us to love one another!"

Transition: Move to Worship and Story by making a heart with your hands as you walk to the story area.

Large group - MAKE IT TRUE (*snack*)

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hey, friends! I'm so glad you're here. We're having a great month learning all about how we can love like Jesus. **Who can love like Jesus?**"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [*Bottom Line*] "I can love like Jesus."

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes! Jesus will help us love like He does! There is NO one like Jesus. Sing this out with me.

Lead children in singing "Love Like Jesus," this month's worship song.

"That's an awesome song. We can help and love and forgive like Jesus. He will always help us! **Who can love like Jesus?**"

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [*Bottom Line*] "I can love like Jesus."

Last 20 min- MAKE IT STICK

1. I Can Love

Talk about God | Bible Story Review

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: Butcher paper, scissors, crayons

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Lay the butcher paper down.

During the Activity: Call each child to the paper and draw a heart for them. As the children color it, write their name on the line outside their heart. After everyone finishes coloring their heart, gather the children around while you hold up the paper. Call each child to stand up and lead the children in saying, “[Child’s name] can love like Jesus” while they touch their heart.

After the Activity: Talk about how Jesus loves everyone and everyone can love like Jesus.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “I need all of my friends to come sit with me!”

During the Activity: “I have something special for you to color. This is a heart! In today’s Bible story, we heard about how Jesus loves everyone. That means we can love everyone, too! (While the children color, go to each child and write their name as you say, ‘[Child’s name] can love like Jesus.’)”

“Your hearts look wonderful! When I call your name, come stand beside me so everyone can see your heart. (Call a child to stand with their heart.) This is [child’s name], and [child’s name] can love like Jesus! Yay! [Child’s name] can love like Jesus!” (Repeat with each child.)

After the Activity: “Jesus loves (name each child) because Jesus loves everyone. And we can love everyone because we can love like Jesus! **Who can love like Jesus? [Bottom Line] I can love like Jesus! Yay! [Bottom Line] I can love like Jesus!**”

2. Tunnel

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: Preschool tunnel

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Place the tunnel in the activity area.

During the Activity: Allow a child to crawl through the tunnel. When they reach the end of the tunnel say, "Love like Jesus." Then allow another child to crawl through the tunnel and repeat. Continue until all of the children have crawled through the tunnel.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Yay! A tunnel!"

During the Activity: "We are going to crawl through the tunnel. When you get to the end, I will tell you a special message! Are you ready?" (*Pause and do activity.*)

After the Activity: "That was so much fun, and what a wonderful message! We can all love like Jesus! **Who can love like Jesus? [Bottom Line] I can love like Jesus!**"

3. Love One Another Frame

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: "Love Frame" Activity Page; cardstock; dot markers or crayons; scissors; camera; photo paper; access to printer; double sided tape; and a permanent marker

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Love Frame" on cardstock, one per child. Take a picture of each child prior to the activity and print it out.

NOTE: If you don't have a picture of each child, that's okay. Parents can add the picture at home.

During the Activity: Encourage children to decorate their frame then help add their picture to the frame. Write child's name in the blank area at the top.

After the Activity: Read what the frame says and talk about how each child can love like Jesus.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Hello, friends! Today, we heard a story about how Jesus showed His love for His friends. Can you show love like Jesus? (*Pause.*) Yes, yes you can!"

During the Activity: "We will decorate this frame so you can add your picture to it. Use the [crayons or dot markers] to make it super special. (*Pause.*) Fantastic! Now, put your picture right in the middle of your paper. (*Pause.*) Great! Your frame says, '[Child's name] can love like Jesus.'" (*Repeat with each child.*)

After the Activity: "We can love like Jesus by helping our friends, by sharing, and by saying kind words. **Who can love like Jesus? [Bottom Line] I can love like Jesus.**"

