



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

We can love like Jesus.

DO EVERYTHING IN LOVE
1 CORINTHIANS 16:14

MEMORY VERSE

"Do everything in love."

1 CORINTHIANS 16:14, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who does Jesus love?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus loves everyone.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.


In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Offer one or more of these activities as preschoolers arrive.

Heart in the Box
Candles on Your Cake
Cookie Making 

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"Everyone Everywhere" and "My Forever Friend"

Bible Story
Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Offer as many of these activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow.

Say It with Me
Love Like Jesus
Heart Tic-Tac-Toe
Ribbons of Love
Party Cups
Journal and Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Going Home

Parent Cue Card (*print or email*)

Parent Cue App



This symbol indicates an activity with potential allergens. Be sure to post allergy alert sign and inform parents at drop-off.



10 MINUTES

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ENGAGE CHILDREN'S HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE WORSHIP, BIBLE STORY, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at 1 Corinthians 16:14, NIV. You need a music player and this month's worship song, "Everyone Everywhere," which is included in your monthly files. The dance moves video for "Everyone Everywhere" is available on the Very Big Things Dance Moves DVD, OrangeKidsMusic.com, or in your media package if you subscribe. You also need "My Forever Friend," which is available on the Very Big Things CD, iTunes®, Spotify®, and OrangeKidsMusic.com. The dance moves video for this song is available at OrangeKidsMusic.com.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Can you believe it's the LAST week of the month? We've had so much fun at our big party celebrating the truth that **Jesus loves everyone. Who does Jesus love?**"

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "**Jesus loves everyone.**"

WORSHIP LEADER: "That's right! Jesus loves (*point to children*) you and you and you and you and you—ALL of us! He loves everyone, EVERYWHERE! We've been singing this song all month long, so I want you to stand up and give it all you've got!

Lead children in singing "Everyone Everywhere," this month's worship song.

"Wow! Friends, that was amazing. Because we know that **Jesus loves everyone**, we can love like Jesus. The Bible teaches us to 'Do everything (*march in place*) in love' (*hug yourself*), 1 Corinthians 16:14. (*Open hands like a book.*)

Lead children to say the verse with the motions several times.

"Did you know that **Jesus wants to be my forever?** It's true! He's our forever friend. Sing this out.

Lead children in singing "My Forever Friend."

"Jesus is always with me. He'll never ever leave me. He loves you and me, so much! One more time, **who does Jesus love?**"

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "**Jesus loves everyone.**"



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INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Decorated party table from previous weeks, plate of chocolate cupcakes frosted with chocolate frosting, colorful streamers, and a box

WHAT YOU DO: Preset the decorated party table in the storytelling area if not already present. Put the streamers and cupcakes inside the box.

The Host, very excited, walks out carrying the box.

HOST: "Hi, friends! I'm [your name], and I am SO excited for the party we're having TODAY! Yay!"

Set the box on the table.

"I just met a new friend in our neighborhood when I was out for a walk. She was walking her dog, and he is SO cute! Anyway, I invited her to the party! Yesterday, I saw Ms. Kathy Sue, and I invited her to the party! I know chocolate is her FAVORITE, so I made some special chocolate cupcakes with chocolate frosting. Pull out the chocolate cupcakes.

"Yummy! And, the day before that, I ran into another friend at the grocery store. She was wearing a super-cool, colorful jacket. I told her I loved it. And I invited her to the party, too!"

Pull the streamers out and wave them around.

"I even got some special streamers to match her jacket. You know what? I need some tape to hang these! See you guys in a little while."

The Host gathers up the props and exits.

BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, reusable shopping bag, large chocolate chip cookie, small toy bucket, and toy shovel;
Optional Story Images

WHAT YOU DO: Place all of the props except the Bible inside the bag.

The storyteller enters carrying Bible and the reusable shopping bag.

STORYTELLER: "Hey, friends! I'm [your name], and I'm SO excited to be with you today! All month long, we've talked about how Jesus loves everyone!"

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"If Jesus had a party, EVERYONE would be invited. *(Point to adult volunteers in the room.)* Grown-ups would be invited! *(Point to the children.)* And children would be invited!"

"Everyone can celebrate that Jesus loves them, because **Jesus loves everyone**. And Jesus wants US to love



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everyone, too. In fact, Jesus said, 'Do everything (*march in place*) in love.' (*Hug yourself.*) Stand up and say that with me!"

STORYTELLER AND CHILDREN: "Do everything (*march in place*) in love." (*Hug yourself.*)

STORYTELLER: "Great job! You can have a seat. Wow, everything? Let's think about that.

Hold up the shopping bag.

(Option: Display Story Image W4 02)

"Let's say you're at the grocery store, and the checkout worker seems like he's had a sad day. You're done with your groceries and are just about to leave. What could you do to show love? Could you smile and wave? Do that with me.

Lead children to smile and wave.

"Good job. You could say, 'Bye, sir! Thank you. Have a great day!' I bet he would smile and wave back!

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"Okay, let's try another one. Your brother runs into the kitchen and really wants a . . . (*Pull the cookie from the bag.*) COOKIE! But there's only ONE left. And you're holding it. He's upset that he didn't get a cookie. What could you do to show love to your brother? Could you break the cookie in half and share? (*Pause.*) Yes, sharing the cookie would make your brother feel so loved.

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"Okay, what about this one? You and your friend are playing in the sandbox at the park. (*Pull the bucket and shovel from the bag.*) You're having so much fun with your friend, and there's a kid who is all alone by the slide. They don't have a friend to play with. What could you do to show love? Say it out loud. (*Pause.*) Yes! You could ask them to play!

"Great ideas, friends. You are awesome at this. Whether you're on the playground, at dance class, at school, or at home, you can do what Jesus said and 'Do everything (*march in place*) in love.' (*Hug yourself.*) So, let's celebrate because **Jesus loves everyone!** Tell me, **who does Jesus love?**"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "**Jesus loves everyone.**"

STORYTELLER: "Yes! **Jesus loves everyone.** Let's close our eyes and talk to God together."

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "God, we love You. Thank You for Jesus and how He teaches us to do everything in love! We know that Jesus loves EVERYONE. Help us show love to others, too. We love You, God. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

"Thank you for being so wonderful! I'll see you next time. Bye!"

The Storyteller exits with the Bible and shopping bag.

