



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

BIBLE STORY

Jesus loves everyone.

BANQUET PARABLE
MATTHEW 22:8-10

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.

Party Set-Up!
Food Match
Everyone's Invited

LARGE GROUP

20
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

"Everyone Everywhere" and "I'm Gonna Tell"


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.

Memory Verse with Motions
Party on the Floor 
Jesus Loves Me!
Jesus Loves . . .
Party Plate
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.



PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn



PARTY SET-UP!

WHAT YOU NEED: Crepe paper, scissors, and sticky tack or wall tape

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Cut the crepe paper into two-foot lengths as streamers. Attach a little sticky tack or wall

tape to the end of each streamer.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Pass out the streamers for the children to put up around the room to create a party atmosphere! Make sure the children are clear on where it is okay to place the streamers.

WHAT YOU SAY:

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Who loves a fun party? (Pause.) Me, too! We need to make this place look like a party! Let's add these streamers. Make sure you only place the streamers on [allowed spots and surfaces]."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Wow! NOW, it looks like a party. Great job, everyone! We'll hear about one big party that EVERYONE is invited to. Let's go!"

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by continuing to "set up" for the party. Encourage them to pantomime setting the table with decorations, hanging a big banner, preparing food, etc.

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MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages preschoolers to follow guidelines while having fun and learning new concepts



FOOD MATCH

WHAT YOU NEED: "Food Match" and "Food Match Cards" Activity Pages, cardstock, and scissors

WHAT YOU DO:
BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Food Match" on cardstock, one per two children. Copy "Food Match Cards" on cardstock and cut on dotted lines, one set per two

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children.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Place the activity pages on a table or the floor and place a set of cards beside each page. Help the children match the food on the cards to the food on the activity page plate. When the children have made a match, ask them to place the card on top of the matching food.

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WHAT YOU SAY:
BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Yum! This plate of food looks so delicious!" (Point)

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "We have cards with the yummy food on them, too. Look at the cards and try to match them to the food on the plate. When you find a match, place the card on top of the matching food on the plate." (Do activity.)

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AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Great job! You matched all of the food. Today, we'll hear a Bible story about a banquet. A banquet is a big dinner with a lot of people and a lot of food. I am so excited to hear our TRUE story from the Bible today!

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by pretending to eat with a fork as you walk to the story area.

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15 MINUTES

MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that lets preschoolers pretend, imagine, and role play to enhance their learning



EVERYONE'S INVITED

WHAT YOU NEED: "Party Invitation" Activity Page, cardstock, envelopes, heart stickers, a large flat plastic bin, and paper shreds

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Fill the plastic bin with paper shreds. Copy "Party Invitation" on cardstock and cut apart,

one per child. Place each invitation in an envelope and seal it with a heart sticker. Write a child's name on each invitation, one per child. Place the cards in the bin, scattered among the paper shreds. Place the bin with the "hidden" invitations on the table.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Gather the children around the bin. Encourage the children to take turns sifting through the bin to find an invitation. Read the name on the front and hand it to that child to open. Repeat until every child has had a turn finding an invitation and everyone has opened their own invite.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Gather the bin of paper shreds and set aside for clean-up.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, gather around the table with me. I want you to take turns sifting through the paper shreds to find ONE envelope. Don't worry, everyone will have a turn."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Your invitation says, 'Come to the party!' Does everyone have an invitation? Did you know that Jesus has invited everyone? Come with me!"

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by pretending to deliver invitations to friends or family the children name. Call on each child and have them name someone they know, then let the children pantomime handing an invitation to that person.

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25 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn



MEMORY VERSE WITH MOTIONS

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed.

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Say the memory verse and do the motions in front of the children.

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"Do everything (*march in place*) in love" (*hug yourself*), 1 Corinthians 16:14. (*Open hands like a book.*)

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Say the verse again with the motions and invite the children to do it with you. Repeat several times.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "I will say our new memory verse. Everyone, watch me! 'Do everything (*march in place*) in love' (*hug yourself*), 1 Corinthians 16:14." (*Open hands like a book.*)

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Now, let's do it together! Are you ready? 'Do everything (*march in place*) in love' (*hug yourself*), 1 Corinthians 16:14." (*Open hands like a book.*)

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AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Our memory verse tells us that Jesus wants us to always have love in our hearts! Jesus loves all of us, all the time. **Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!**"

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PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE
an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



PARTY PLATE

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Party Plate Label" Activity Page; Avery® #5160 labels or equivalent; clear plastic dessert plates; tissue paper in various colors; scissors; craft glue; paintbrushes; paper plates; wax paper; hand wipes; and a permanent marker; Optional tissue paper confetti

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WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Party Plate Label" on label paper, one per child. Cut tissue paper into one-inch squares. Pour craft glue on several plates and place around the table. Tear or cut wax paper into pieces as large as the dessert plates; one per child. Write child's name on their wax paper and set a dessert plate on it.

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DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to paint the back of their plate with the glue then toss a handful of tissue paper over the wet glue. Have them press down any loose pieces as well as add any more to the plate. Add the label over the tissue. Paint another layer of glue over the tissue and label. Set aside on the wax paper to dry. Clean hands as needed.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hello, friends! In our Bible story today, Jesus told a story about a party. The party table was very big and lots of people could sit at it. You need different things for your party guests, like fun plates. Let's make a special party plate!"

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DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Your plate should be upside down so the back of the plate is up. Dip a paintbrush in the glue and brush it over the plate. (Pause.) Now parties are really fun when there is confetti. Pick up a handful of tissue and toss it over your plate like confetti. (Pause.) Gently press down any tissue sticking up. (Pause.) Add a little more tissue to your plate. (Pause.) Add your label. (Pause.) Now dip the paintbrush in the glue and brush it over all the tissue and the label. (Pause.) This will help protect your decoration. We'll set these aside to dry for you to take home for a celebration."

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AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Jesus taught us something very important when He told this story. Jesus said at His table, at His party, EVERYONE is invited. Everyone is invited to the party because Jesus loves everyone. Jesus said that no matter what you've done, no matter where you live, He loves you. No matter what language you speak or what kind of food you eat, He loves you. Jesus said that no matter what, there is a place for everyone at His table. **Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone.**"





CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclipped "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at 1 Corinthians 16:14; journal; and a fun-shaped pen

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): "It's Small Group time! Today, we'll pretend our hands are party horns, like this.

(Make a "horn" with one hand and hold it up to your mouth.) We can blow our party horns while we walk to our small group spot. Okay, party horns up and follow me! (Blow your hand party horn as you lead the children to your small group spot.)

"That was fun! Now let's sit down so we can talk about today's Bible story. One, two, three, sit down with me!

Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.

SGL: "Today, our Bible story was a story Jesus told. Jesus told a story about a big, beautiful party, and EVERYONE was invited because **Jesus loves everyone!**

"In the story, everything for the party was ready. The table was set. The food was ready. The drinks were poured. It was wonderful! All the party needed was people. So party invitations were sent out for EVERYONE to come to the party!

"Jesus told this story so we can know that He loves everyone and everyone is invited to His party. So tell me, **who does Jesus love?**"

CHILDREN AND SGL: "**Jesus loves everyone!**"

SGL: "He sure does! And the Bible verse we'll learn will help us remember that because Jesus does everything in love, we should do everything in love, too. It says . . . (Turn the pages of your Bible to the Memory Verse Card.) 'Do everything in love,' 1 Corinthians 16:14. (Close Bible and lay it down.)

"Let's stand up and say that together with these motions I'll teach you. Just say what I say and do what I do."

CHILDREN AND SGL: "'Do everything (march in place) in love' (hug yourself), 1 Corinthians 16:14." (Open hands like a book.)

(Repeat the verse with motions a few times.)

SGL: "You did such a great job of saying the verse with the motions! (Give two thumbs-up.) Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to

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(JOURNAL AND PRAYER, CONTINUED)

God. *(Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.)*

“Since **Jesus loves everyone**, we’ll make a list of people Jesus loves in our prayer journal. They can be any person because **Jesus loves everyone!**”

“Okay, when I say your name, I will write it in our journal. Because Jesus loves YOU! Then you can tell me the name of someone else Jesus loves, and I’ll write their name in our journal, too!”

“Jesus loves [child’s name]. *(Write their name then write the name of the person they say. Remember to print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)*”

“Yay! **Jesus loves everyone!** Would anyone like to pray before I pray?”

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

PRAYER

SGL: “Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever and show us how to love everyone the way He loves everyone. Jesus loves *(list every name written in the journal, including each child)*. **Jesus loves everyone!** Help us do everything in love the way Jesus does. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

