



WEEK
ONE
JULY 2022

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

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



FULL OF KINDNESS

WHAT YOU NEED: "Heart in Hands" Activity Page, cardstock, paper box lid, scissors, glue stick, and pom poms

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Heart in Hands" Activity Page on cardstock and cut out, one per group. Glue at one

end inside the box lid.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Sprinkle pom poms in the box lid and work together to get all the pom poms in the heart without touching the pom poms. Fill the hands with kindness.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how today we'll hear a story about someone who is kind and helps.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come sit with me. I need your help today. Will you help me? (Pause.) Great! Thank you!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "I have these pom poms. (Drop the pom poms into the box lid.) I need help to get them all into the heart in the hands. The rules of this game are that we have to work together and be kind to one another. Those are easy rules! Let's see if we can do it without touching the pom poms. So, what could we do to move them but not touch them? (Pause.) Can we move or gently shake the box? (Pause.) Let's give that a try! (Pause.) Whoa! That worked. Can we get all the pom poms in? (Pause.) Yay! We did it! (Repeat as many times as desired.) Working together was fun!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Great job of helping each other get the pom poms in the hands. Today, we'll hear a story about someone who is kind and helps."

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by letting children carry one pom pom with them to place in the leader's hands when they arrive.

BIBLE STORY

Jesus can help me choose kindness.

THE GOOD SAMARITAN
LUKE 10:25-37

MEMORY VERSE

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life.'"

JOHN 14:6, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who can help you do everything?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus can help me do everything.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.





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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
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 following motions in front of the children.

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"Jesus answered, *(hands by mouth)* 'I am *(point up)* the way and the truth and the life,'" *(march)* John 14:6. *(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, listen and watch me! 'Jesus answered, *(hands by mouth)* "I am *(point up)* the way and the truth and the life,'" *(march)* John 14:6." *(Open hands like a book.)*

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Now, let's do it together! Are you ready? 'Jesus answered, *(hands by mouth)* "I am *(point up)* the way and the truth and the life,'" *(march)* John 14:6." *(Open hands like a book.)*

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Our memory verse tells us that Jesus always shows us the right thing to do. He can help us choose kindness and help us do **EVERYTHING!** **Who can help you do everything? Jesus can help me do everything."**

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MADE TO THINK

an advanced activity specifically designed for older preschoolers



KINDNESS CARDS

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Blank postcards or greeting cards, stickers, washable markers, stamps, and washable inkpads

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Write a simple statement on each card, such as "Jesus loves you;" "Jesus wants to be your friend forever;" or "Have a happy day." Set the cards and craft supplies on the tables.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Read some of the statements on the cards to the children. Encourage them to select a card to decorate to create a kindness card for a friend or group of your church's choosing.

NOTE: You could take these cards to a local nursing home, send them to missionaries, deliver them to neighboring businesses, take them to your local hospital or fire station, etc.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Thank the children for creating cards to brighten someone's day and assure them you will deliver them to the people you chose. Set cards aside and gather all supplies for clean-up.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, let's make some kindness cards! Today, we'll make cards for *(tell the children about the group you chose to receive the cards)*."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Choose a card and decorate it to brighten someone's day! This one says . . . *(read one of the cards)*. You are doing a great job!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "These cards look great! I know they would certainly make my day if I received one. One way we can help others is to choose kindness! Jesus will help us show kindness for sure. When I ask, '**Who can help you do everything?**', you say, '**Jesus can help me do everything.**' **Who can help you do everything? Jesus can help me do everything!**"

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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 John 14:6; journal; and a fun-shaped pen

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): "It's Small Group time! Today, we'll pretend to ride donkeys to our Small Group spot. Get on your donkey and follow me! (*Pretend to ride*

a donkey as you lead the children to your Small Group spot.) Whoa, donkey! Here's our spot! Let's sit down and talk about today's Bible story. One, two, three, sit down with me! (*Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.*)

"In our Bible story, a Samaritan man chose kindness by helping a hurt man. When Jesus is our friend forever, He can help us choose kindness, too, because Jesus can help us do everything! **Who can help you do everything?"**

CHILDREN AND SGL: "Jesus can help me do everything!"

SGL: "He sure can! And the Bible verse we're going to learn will help us remember that Jesus has the power to help us do everything. It says . . . (*Turn the pages of your Bible to the Memory Verse Card.*) 'Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life," John 14:6. (*Close Bible and lay it down.*)

"Because Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, He has the power to help us do everything. Let's stand up and say those words together with the motions. Just say what I say and do what I do."

CHILDREN AND SGL: "'Jesus answered, (*hands by mouth*) "I am (*point up*) the way and the truth and the life,"' (*march*) John 14:6." (*Open hands like a book.*)

(*Repeat the verse with motions a few times.*)

SGL: "That was so good! (*Give two thumbs-up.*) Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.*)

"Today, we'll make a list of ways we can choose kindness. Kindness can be giving a hug, smiling, sharing, or saying kind words. The Samaritan helped someone as a way of choosing kindness. So tell me, what can we do to choose kindness? (*Say each child's name as you write it down. Write down what they say beside their names. Remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

"This is a wonderful list! Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

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

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(JOURNAL AND PRAYER, CONTINUED)

PRAYER

SGL: "Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever and help us choose kindness. Please help [child's name] choose kindness and (*read what they listed*). Please help [child's name] choose kindness and . . . (*continue with each child*). We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

