



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



1. MAKE IT BIG

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Stand with children lined up in front of the leader in an open area.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Explain to the children that you want to make a super BIG movement. Start with one movement with the children then add another movement. Keep adding movements until the children are doing all of them.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how we'll hear about a movement that got really BIG!

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hey, friends! Come stand with me in a straight line. I would like for us to do something BIG today."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "I will teach you what to do. We'll do lots of small movements to make one BIG movement. Our first movement is clapping our hands. Everyone, clap your hands. (Pause.) Okay, freeze. (Pause.) Let's make it bigger! This time clap your hands and stomp your feet. (Pause.) Awesome! And freeze. (Pause.)"

"Let's make it even BIGGER! This time clap your hands, stomp your feet, then jump. (Pause.) Wonderful! Do you think we can make it even BIGGER? (Pause.) Of course, we can! This time, clap your hands, stomp your feet, jump, then spin! (Help direct movements as needed.) WOW! Okay, freeze. Our movement is getting so big! Let's add one more! This time, clap your hands, stomp your feet, jump, spin, then make a heart with your arms like this! (Demonstrate.) Ready? GO! (Pause.) Whoa! That is a BIG movement! Now freeze. Let's do another big movement! (Repeat as desired.) Great job, friends!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Today in our Bible story, we'll hear about something that started small and grew and grew until it got BIG! I can't wait to hear about it!"

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by adding movements as you walk to the story area.

BIBLE STORY

Jesus taught us how to love one another.

**EARLY CHURCH
ACTS 2:42-47**

MEMORY VERSE

"I am alive for ever and ever!"

REVELATION 1:18, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who is alive?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is alive.

BASIC TRUTH

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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
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MADE TO PLAY

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



2. LOVE LIKE JESUS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Love Like Jesus Playing Cards" and "Playing Cards Parent Note" Activity Pages, cardstock, scissors, sandwich-size resealable bags, and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Love Like Jesus Playing Cards" on cardstock and cut, two copies per child and leader. Copy "Playing Cards Parent Card" on cardstock and cut, one per child. Put two of each of the story picture cards and one "Parent Card" in a bag for every child. Write each child's name on their bag.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: The leader will use their set of story picture cards to lead the children in a game of memory match. Turn the twelve cards face down on the floor or table. Guide the children in taking turns. With each turn, a child will turn two cards over. If the pictures match, place the set aside. If they do not match, turn the cards back face down and the next person gets a turn. Every time a match is made, use the words below to talk about that part of the Bible story. Give a bag of cards to every child to take home.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hi, friends! Come sit with me. We're going to play a game!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "This game is called memory match. All we do is match the pictures. The hard part is remembering where the pictures are! I'll spread out the game cards, like this. (*Spread cards out face down.*) When it's your turn, you can turn two cards over. If the pictures match, you get to keep the cards. If the pictures do not match, you have to turn them back over. Let's play!"

(when a child matches the bread picture) "The people in the first Church shared food with one another.

(when a child matches the Jesus picture) "**Jesus is alive**, and He will help us love like Him.

(when a child matches the praying people picture) "The people in the first Church prayed for one another.

(when a child matches the coat picture) "The people in the first Church gave clothes to people who needed them.

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(when a child matches the heart picture) "The people in the first Church loved one another.

(when a child matches the people learning picture) "The people in the first Church met together to learn about Jesus.

"You found all of the matches! Now, let's put them in order of our true Bible story." (Use the text above to retell the Bible story in order.)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "You made all of the matches AND you retold today's Bible story, all at the same time! Way to go! Even better, we can love one another the way the first Church loved one another, because **Jesus is alive** and He will help us. **Who is alive? Jesus is alive!**"



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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



1. WATERCOLOR HEART

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Watercolor Heart" Activity Page, cardstock, scissors, water, watercolors, paintbrushes, and shallow bowls

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Watercolor Heart" on cardstock, one per child. Fill the bowls about halfway with water. Lay the paints on a table and moisten them with water. Place a paintbrush next to each paint palette.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to paint their hearts to give to someone they love.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Say the memory verse and do the motions together.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, I'm so happy you're here today. Come sit at the table with me."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "You have a beautiful heart on your paper today. Written inside the heart is our memory verse. Let's say it together. 'I am alive for ever and ever,' Revelation 1:18. Use the watercolor paints to fill your heart with beautiful colors. (Pause.) You can paint your heart and give it to someone you love. Jesus wants us to love one another. Giving someone something that you made is a wonderful way to show love."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Let's say our memory verse one more time and do the motions. 'I am alive (point up) forever and ever,' (twirl around) Revelation 1:18. (Open hands like a book.) Friends, **Jesus is alive! Who is alive? Jesus is alive!**"

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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" paperclipped in Bible, journal, a fun-shaped pen, and reward stickers or handstamp

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: If you do not have the "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible, copy "Memory Verse Card" on cardstock and cut, one per small group. Paperclip one card in your Bible at Revelation 1:18.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Lead the children to your Small Group spot, sit down, and gather the children around you. Review the Bible story and memory verse then pray with the children.

WHAT YOU SAY:

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): "It's Small Group time! Today, every time we take three steps, we'll stop and say, 'LOVE!' Count with me!" (*Count out loud with each step and every time you say, "three," stop and say, "LOVE!" Continue as you lead the children to your Small Group spot.*)

CHILDREN AND SGL: "One . . . two . . . three! LOVE!"

SGL: "Yay for love! Now 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 today, the first Church looked for ways to love like Jesus. They did things like share their food and clothes, pray for one another, and meet together to learn more about Jesus. They knew that **Jesus is alive** and He would help them love like Jesus. The good news is that **Jesus is alive** and He will help you and me love like Him, too. **Who is alive?"**

CHILDREN AND SGL: "**Jesus is alive!**"

SGL: "He sure is! Jesus even said so Himself in the Bible verse we have been learning. Jesus said . . . (*Turn the pages of your Bible to the Memory Verse Card.*) 'I am alive for ever and ever,' Revelation 1:18. (*Close Bible and lay it down.*)

"Wow! Let's stand up and say what Jesus said with the motions, one more time. Just say what I say and do what I do."

CHILDREN AND SGL: "'I am alive (*point up*) for ever and ever,' (*twirl around*) Revelation 1:18." (*Open hands like a book.*)

SGL: "Wow! You sound awesome! Now I need everyone to sit down. Anyone

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who wants to try and say that verse can give it a try. I have my [sticker/handstamp] ready! *(Give each child the opportunity to try to say the Bible verse.)*

“Everyone, clap for [child’s name]! Here is your [sticker/handstamp]! *(Say this with each child as they try to say the Bible verse.)*

“Okay everyone, when I count to three, I want you to stand up and show me your [sticker/handstamp]. One, two, three! *(Pause.) Yay! (Clap.)* Now let’s sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. *(Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.)*

“Today in our Bible story, the people in the first Church looked for ways they could love like Jesus. They did things like pray together, share food and clothes, and meet together to learn more about Jesus. When I say your name, tell me one way you can love like Jesus. *(Remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)*

“These are wonderful ways we can love like Jesus. Let’s use our list when we pray. 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 show us how to love. Thank You that **Jesus is alive** and He will help us do things like *(read the list the children made)*. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”