



WEEK  
**TWO**  
FEBRUARY 2024

SMALL GROUP  
**3-5** YEAR  
-OLDS

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. HEART TOSS

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Heart-shaped paper plates, scissors or craft knife, marker, painter's tape, and a ring toss stand; *Optional: a water bottle or a plastic cone in place of the ring toss stand*

#### WHAT YOU DO:

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Draw a large circle in the center of each plate and cut out. Place the ring toss stand on one side of the activity area. Place a straight line of tape on the floor across from the base.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Ask the children to line up behind the tape line. Encourage children to take a turn and toss one plate at a time towards the stand, three plates per turn. Continue with each child and repeat as desired.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Introduce the Bible Story.

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Friends, come gather over here with me. I have a fun ring toss game for us to play today! The rings we get to play with are very special. What shape are they? (*Hold up the rings.*) That's right! They're hearts!"

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Line up behind the tape and we'll play. You get three hearts to toss, but toss one at a time like this. (*Demonstrate.*) Ready to play? [*Child's name*], toss your hearts. (*Pause*) That was great! Go to the back of the line and our next friend can toss their hearts. (*Continue with each child.*) Wow! Look at all the love in the room! Hearts remind me of love!"

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "Today we're going to hear a Bible Story about how **Jesus loves everyone!**"

**TRANSITION:** Move to Worship and Story by making different hearts with your hands as you walk to the designated area.

## BIBLE STORY

Jesus is a friend to everyone

**THE UNLOVED WOMAN**  
**JOHN 8:2-11**

## MEMORY VERSE

"Be kind and loving to each other."

**EPHESIANS 4:32, NCV**

## KEY QUESTION

Who does Jesus love?

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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



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**5. SLIDING HEART**

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** “Sliding Heart” Activity Page, cardstock, glue sticks, dot markers, two-inch foam hearts, scissors, and a permanent marker

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy “Sliding Heart” on cardstock and cut, one per child. Fold each child’s paper and glue on the left side and bottom. Slide the insert into each child’s paper to cover the writing. Write each child’s name on the back of their paper. For each child, cut a foam heart in half.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Encourage children to decorate their paper. Help children glue the left heart half at the dot on the slider and the right heart half lined up to the edge of the opening on the right side. Pull the slider out to reveal the words and make the heart whole.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Review the Bible Story.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** “Friends, come sit at the table with me and make a love craft!”

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** “Use the markers to decorate your paper, front and back. Leave the slider in and you can decorate it too. (Pause.) Great job! See the dot on your paper? (Point.) Glue this half (hand each child the left half of a heart and help position it correctly) of your heart on top of that dot. (Pause.) Now glue this half of the heart right here at this edge. (Point and help position the half of the heart correctly.) Pull the tab gently and watch what happens. The two halves of your heart came together to make a whole heart and words appeared! They say: **Jesus loves everyone!** What a cool love craft!”

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** “In our story, there was a woman who was sad because she had made a lot of bad choices. One day, Jesus was teaching a lot of people when some people brought the woman to Him and said she had done bad things and should be punished. But Jesus is special and loves everyone. Jesus was kind and loving to the sad woman. Jesus told her that He would be her friend and that He loved her no matter what. Jesus told the woman to make good choices. Jesus will always love us, and Jesus wants to be our friend forever. **Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!**”



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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" Activity Page from Week One in Bible, a journal, and a fun-shaped pen

**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. Place one card in your Bible at Ephesians 4:32. Keep this card in your Bible all month.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Encourage the children to link arms with a friend as you walk to your Small Group spot together. Sit down and gather the children around you. Review the Memory Verse and motions, then encourage the children to make a list of people they can be a friend to.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Pray with the children using the list you made in the journal.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "It's Small Group time! Today we're going to link arms with a friend like this (*demonstrate*) while we walk to our Small Group spot. Link arms with someone and follow me! (*Link arms with one or two children 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!"

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** (*Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.*)

"Being a friend is one way we can love people. Jesus is a friend to everyone, because **Jesus loves everyone. Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!** In our Bible Story, today, Jesus was teaching a crowd of people about God. There was a woman who was very sad. She had made a lot of bad choices and now no one wanted to be her friend. Some people who didn't like the woman brought her to Jesus and said, "Jesus, this woman has done bad things!" Wow! They were definitely not this woman's friend. And they thought Jesus wouldn't want to be her friend. But Jesus did love her and wanted to be her friend. Jesus didn't punish the woman like the people wanted. Jesus told her to go and make good choices. Jesus was kind and loving to the woman when no one else was. We are being a friend when we are kind and loving too!

"The Bible verse we are learning says, 'Be kind and loving (*cross hands over chest*) to each other;' (*spread arms out*) Ephesians 4:32. (*Open hands like a book.*) Stand up with me and let's say that together! Just say what I say and do what I do. 'Be kind and loving (*cross hands over chest*) to each other;' (*spread arms out*) Ephesians 4:32. (*Open hands like a book.*) You sound wonderful!" (*Give high fives.*)

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### (6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER, CONTINUED)

"Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*) Today we learned that Jesus is a friend to everyone, because **Jesus loves everyone. Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!** That's why we are going to make a list of people we can be a friend to. When I say your name, tell me one person you can be a friend to, like Jesus, and I will write them in our journal." (*Remember to print, as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** (*Hold up journal.*) "Look at all of these people! Let's use our list when we pray and talk to God. Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*) Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be a friend to everyone. Please help us be a friend, like Jesus, to (*read the names in the journal*). **Jesus loves everyone**, and so should we. We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."