



WEEK  
**FOUR**  
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. CATCHING POPCORN

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Small paper popcorn buckets or take-out containers, pom-poms, and a plastic bin

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Set the bin on the floor at the front of your activity area. Pass out a container to each child.

### BIBLE STORY

Jesus loves me.

**JESUS AND THE CHILDREN**  
**LUKE 18:15-16**

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Encourage children to catch the "popcorn" pom-poms in their popcorn containers.

Call a time-out and have children collect any pom-poms from the floor and dump all into the bin.

Repeat as desired.

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

### MEMORY VERSE

"Be kind and loving to each other."

**EPHESIANS 4:32, NCV**

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Friends, come gather around this bin with me! Let's catch some popcorn!" *(Give each child a container.)*

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Let's pretend these pom-poms are popcorn. Get ready for the popcorn to pop—try to catch it in your container. *(Toss several pom-poms at a time.)* Wow! Good job! Here comes some more! *(Repeat as desired.)*

Everyone, freeze! Look around and pick up all the popcorn on the floor. *(Pause.)* Come dump the popcorn into the bin and we'll play some more. *(Repeat as desired.)* Great job, friends!"

### KEY QUESTION

Who does Jesus love?

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "We've had so much fun with this month's food truck theme. I loved watching you play, share, and be kind to your friends. We can share and love others because Jesus loves us! That's what our Bible Story today is all about."

### BOTTOM LINE

Jesus loves everyone.

**TRANSITION:** Move to Worship and Story by calling on children to name their favorite foods. As each food is named, call on the rest of the children to raise their hands if they love that food too!

### BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



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



**5. MY HEART ON A STRING\***  
[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]  
**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Allergy Alert Poster," "My Heart on a String" Activity Page, cardstock, heart-shaped pasta or cereal, scissors, hole punch, yarn, masking tape, paper plates, baby wipes, and a permanent marker

*Note: Be sure to list the items you will be using today on the "Allergy Alert Poster" (in the Prelude folder) and post it at the door to your room.*

**BIBLE STORY**

Jesus loves me.

**JESUS AND THE CHILDREN**  
**LUKE 18:15-16**

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Copy "Allergy Alert Poster" on cardstock, list pasta or cereal, and post at the door. Copy "My Heart on a String" on cardstock and cut, one per child. Punch a hole at the top of each child's cutout and write their name. Cut yarn in thirty-six-inch lengths, one per child. Wrap one end of the yarn tightly with tape, and tape the other end to their plate. Pour a handful or more pasta or cereal on each child's plate. Place each child's pendant on their plate.

**MEMORY VERSE**

"Be kind and loving to each other."

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Encourage children to thread the pasta/cereal and their pendant onto the yarn. Tie the ends of each child's yarn in a knot. Encourage children to wear their necklaces as you review the story.

**EPHESIANS 4:32, NCV**

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

**KEY QUESTION**

Who does Jesus love?

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Friends! I'm so happy that Jesus loves you, and you, and you, and me! (Point to each of the children, then point to yourself.) Come sit at the table and let's make a cool necklace."

**BOTTOM LINE**

Jesus loves everyone.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Look at your pasta/cereal. What shape is it? (Pause.) Hearts! How fun! And what do hearts make you think of? (Pause.) Love! That's right! Thread your pasta/cereal and your charm on the piece of yarn. (Pause.) Now let me tie off the ends, and you can wear it while we review our story."

**BASIC TRUTH**

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "In our story today, we learned that when Jesus was teaching one day, some children tried to get close to Him, but the disciples stopped them. Jesus called the children to Him and said: 'Let the little children come to me,' (Luke 18:16, NCV). Jesus opened His arms wide, and the children came. Jesus told the crowd to never stop children from coming to see Him because children are very important to Him. Every one of you is important to Jesus. Jesus loves you and wants to be your friend forever. **Jesus loves everyone! 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, journal, fun-shaped pen, heart stamp, 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. Place one card in your Bible at Ephesians 4:32.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Call the children, one at a time by name, to line up and walk to your Small Group spot. When you get to your Small Group spot, tell the children to sit down when you say their name. Review the Memory Verse and motions together, then write each child's name in the journal as you say it out loud. Let each child put a heart stamp by their name as you say, "Jesus loves, [name of child]."

**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! When I say your name, stand up and line up behind me. (*Say each child's name.*) Yay! Now we have everyone! Follow me! (*Lead the children to your Small Group spot.*) Here we are, but don't sit down yet. Listen for your name again. When I say your name this time, you can sit down. (*Say each child's name.*) That's everyone!"

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** (*Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.*) "In our Bible Story today, we learned that Jesus wants all children to be His friend forever because **Jesus loves everyone**. That means Jesus loves you and you and you and you . . . (*Point to each child.*) And now Jesus wants us to love everyone the way **Jesus loves everyone!**

"That's why we have been learning this Bible verse. It 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 one time 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.*) That was fantastic! Let's sit down so anyone who wants to say that Bible verse can give it a try. I have my stickers ready! (*Give each child the opportunity to try and say the Bible verse.*) Everyone, clap for [child's name]! Here is your sticker! (*Say this with each child as they try and say the Bible verse.*) I am very proud of you for trying to say that Bible verse! When I count to three, I want everyone to stand up and show me your sticker/handstamp. One, two, three! (*Pause to look.*) Yay! (*Clap.*)

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## (6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER, CONTINUED)

"Now, let's sit back down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*) Today we're going to do something very special in our prayer journal. When I write your name, you get to put a heart stamp by your name, because Jesus loves you. Listen for your name! (*Remember to print as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*) Jesus loves, [child's name]. Come put a stamp in the journal." (*Continue with each child.*)

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** (*Hold up the journal.*) "Look at all of the children Jesus loves! Let's pray and talk to God about it. 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 love (*read each child's name*). Please help (*say each child's name*) love others the way you love them. We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."