



WEEK
ONE
FEBRUARY 2024

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



2. DESIGN YOUR BANDAGE

WHAT YOU NEED: "Design Your Bandage Sticker" Activity Page, Avery® Labels #5163 or equivalent, washable markers, heart stamps, smiley face stamps, washable ink pads, and baby wipes

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Design Your Bandage Sticker" on label paper, two stickers per child. Cut each sticker apart, leaving the backing intact.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to use the stamps and markers to decorate their bandages. Let children stick their bandages on their clothes or put aside to send home.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Introduce the man with a lot of boo-boos in today's Bible Story.

BIBLE STORY

Jesus loves everyone.

THE MAN WITH LEPROSY
MATTHEW 8:1-3;
MARK 1:40-45

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hello, everyone! It's great to see you today! Come sit with me at the table."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "What kind of bandages do you like? Do you like bandages with characters on them, or maybe soccer balls, or hearts, or flowers? Or do you like plain-colored bandages? (Pause.) Today you get to decorate pretend bandages any way you want to! You can use markers or stamps or both to create your bandages. (Pause.) Good job! You can wear your bandages on your clothes if you want."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "I really like how you decorated your bandages. What do we do with bandages? That's right! We put bandages on our boo-boos. Today, our Bible Story is about a man with a lot of boo-boos."

MEMORY VERSE

"Be kind and loving
to each other."

EPHESIANS 4:32, NCV

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by encouraging children to put bandages on pretend boo-boos.

KEY QUESTION

Who does Jesus love?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus loves everyone.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be
my friend forever.



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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



5. MY FOOD TRUCK
[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "My Food Truck" Activity Page, cardstock, camera, photo paper, glue sticks, washable markers, heart stickers, scissors, and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "My Food Truck" on cardstock and cut on the dashed lines, one per child. Fold the window on each child's paper on the thin fold lines. Write each child's name in the blank on their paper. Take pictures of each child, print on photo paper, and cut.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to decorate their food truck and glue their picture to it.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come sit at the table with me."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "I have a food truck for you to decorate today! Look, the window raises! How fun!

Use the markers to decorate your truck. *(Pause.)* Fantastic! Let's add YOU to your truck! Glue your picture right here on your truck. *(Demonstrate how to help position the picture to make sure the child appears in the window.)* There you are! Now let's add heart stickers all around your picture. *(Pause.)* Hearts make me think of love. Jesus loves you, and you, and you. Jesus loves everyone! Tell me friends: **Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!"**

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Today we heard a story about a man who had a lot of boo-boos. Jesus was kind and loving to the man even though nobody else was. Jesus touched the man even though nobody else would. Jesus healed the man when nobody else could. Jesus loved the man even though nobody else did. And friends, even when we're sad or sick or tired, we can know that Jesus loves us too. Jesus loves me and Jesus loves you. 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



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6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: “Memory Verse Card” Activity Page, cardstock, scissors, Bible, journal, and a fun-shaped pen

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy “Memory Verse Card” on cardstock and cut, one per Small Group. Place one card in your Bible at Ephesians 4:32. Note: Keep this card in your Bible all month long.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage the children to make their happiest faces as you lead them to your Small Group spot. Sit down and gather the children around you. Review the Memory Verse and motions, then encourage the children to help you make a list of a time when they had a boo-boo.

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! I want everyone to show me your happiest happy face. (Look around.) I see some very happy, happy faces! Today we’re going to walk to our Small Group spot with our happy faces! Follow me! (Make a happy face as you lead the children to your Small Group spot.) Okay, happy friends with happy faces, it’s time to 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.)

“In our Bible Story today, Jesus did something to make a man very, VERY happy! What did Jesus do? (Pause for response.) Yes! Jesus loved the man and made his boo-boos go away! That was a very kind and loving thing Jesus did. We can be kind and loving to everyone too. And the Bible verse we are going to learn will help us. 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 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 did it! (Clap.) Way to go! Now let’s sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (Open journal.) Today we learned that Jesus loved a man who had boo-boos all over his skin, because **Jesus loves everyone. Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!** That’s right! And that means Jesus loves us when we have boo-boos! Let’s make a list of boo-boos we’ve had. You may even have a boo-boo right now. Think about it, and when I say your name, tell me about one of your boo-boos, and I will write it in our journal. (Remember to print, as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)



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(6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER, CONTINUED)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Look! We've all had a boo-boo. And Jesus loves us, just like He loved the man in our Bible Story. 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 Your Son, Jesus, to love everyone. Everyone gets sick and has boo-boos, like (*read the list the children made*), so it's really great to know that Jesus loves us when we do. Help us to love everyone, like Jesus does. We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."