



WEEK
THREE
MAY 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 DELIVERY

WHAT YOU NEED: toy wagon, bucket, heart cutouts, and Little People® figures; *Optional: "Heart Delivery" Activity Page, cardstock, and painter's tape in place of Little People® figures*

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Place Little People® figures around the room. Place the heart cutouts in the bucket and set it in the wagon. *Option: Copy "Heart Delivery" on cardstock, one set per Small Group. Tape pictures around the room.*

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Roll the wagon as you and the children walk around the room to find the people. Leave a heart with each person. Encourage the children to take turns so that every friend has a chance to deliver a heart.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Introduce the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come gather around the wagon! Do you see what's in my wagon? *(Pause.)* Yes! A bucket full of hearts! Hearts make me think of love!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "There are lots of people around the room, let's roll our wagon around and deliver a heart to each person we see. There's a person! *(Point.)* [Child's name], go take a heart and put it next to them. *(Pause.)* Awesome! Let's go find another person to share some love with. *(Pause.)* Let's make sure everyone has a heart. Great job, friends!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In our Bible Story today, we'll hear about a man named Jeremiah who talked about God and shared how God loved everyone! I can't wait for you to hear the story."

TRANSITION: Move to Worship and Story by pretending to hand out hearts to people as you walk along the way.

BIBLE STORY

I can talk about God to others.

JEREMIAH
JEREMIAH 31:3, 29:11

MEMORY VERSE

"I will always love you."

JEREMIAH 31:3, CEV

KEY QUESTION

Who loves you?

BOTTOM LINE

God loves me.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.



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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. TABLE THOUGHTS
[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]
WHAT YOU NEED: "Table Thoughts" Activity Page, cardstock, washable markers, dot markers, stamps, washable ink pads, stickers, scissors, clear tape, and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:
BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Table Thoughts" on cardstock, one per child. Fold each paper on the designated lines, then lay flat. Write each child's name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to decorate each section of their paper. Fold each child's paper into a triangular table tent and secure it with a piece of tape.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible Story.

WHAT YOU SAY:
BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends! Come join me at the table. I have something for you to make and put on your table at home."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Your paper has different sections, and there are words in each section that you've been hearing today. This first section says: 'I can talk about God to others.' That's what our Bible Story was about today! The next section says: '**Who loves you? God loves me.**' And the last section has our Memory Verse written on it, and that goes like this. 'I will always love you.' Jeremiah 31:3. You can use these markers, stamps, and stickers to decorate your paper. (Pause.) Now that you have your papers decorated so nicely, we need to fold them and tape the ends together like this. (Fold on the lines into a triangular table tent and tape to secure.) You can take this home and put it on your table to help you remember that God loves you."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In our story today, we learned that we can talk about God to others, just like Jeremiah did, and tell everyone that God has plans for them because God loves them! God has plans for you and me, our friends and neighbors, the people at the grocery store and car wash, our teachers and coaches, all of our family—everyone! Because God LOVES everyone! That means God loves you and God loves me! **Who loves you? God loves me!"**

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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 Jeremiah 31:3. Keep this card in your Bible all month.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage the children to march 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 people they can talk about God to in the journal.

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 march while we walk to our Small Group spot. Everyone, march like this (*march*) and follow me! (*March as you lead the children to your Small Group spot.*) And stop! Now let's sit down and 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, Jeremiah talked about God to other people. I wonder if he marched from person to person or if he hopped! No matter how he got there, Jeremiah made sure to talk about God and let people know that God loved them, and God had plans for them. We can talk about God to others too, because God loves everyone! That means God loves you! **Who loves you? God loves me!**"

"And the Bible verse we're learning says that God will ALWAYS love you! God says, 'I (*point up*) will always (*draw circles with finger pointing up*) love you,' (*cross arms over chest*) Jeremiah 31:3. (*Open hands like a book.*) Stand up with me and let's say God's words together! Just say what I say and do what I do. 'I (*point up*) will always (*draw circles with finger pointing up*) love you,' (*cross arms over chest*) Jeremiah 31:3. (*Open hands like a book.*)"

"Wow! I love that verse! (*Clap.*) Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*) Today, we're going to make a list of people we can talk about God to. So when I say your name, tell me the name of one person 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 can talk about God to all of these people! (*Hold up journal.*) Let's use it when we pray. 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 loving us. We want everyone to know that You love them too. Help us talk about You with (*read the list the children made*) so they will know that You love them and have plans for them. We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."