



WEEK
THREE
APRIL 2021

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR-OLDS

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. SYMMETRY PAINTED HEART

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Symmetry Painted Heart Label" Activity Page; Avery® #5160 labels or equivalent; white construction paper; washable paint in various colors; safety scissors; crepe paper streamers; glue sticks; wet wipes; and permanent marker

BIBLE STORY

Jesus taught us how to love one another.

EARLY CHURCH
ACTS 2:42-47

MEMORY VERSE

"How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ."

EPHESIANS 3:18, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who wants to be your friend forever?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

BASIC TRUTH

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WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Symmetry Painted Heart Label" on label paper, one per child. Fold construction paper in half and draw the outline of half of a large heart, one per child. Cut streamers in 16 to 18-inch lengths, one per child. Write child's name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to cut around the outline and unfold their paper to reveal the heart. Glue the streamer to the point for a kite tail. Add the "Symmetry Painted Heart" sticker to the streamer. Have children pick two colors of paint. Leader puts a couple of drops of each color on one side of the heart. Have children fold the heart back over and rub their hand over it. Carefully open the heart to reveal the symmetrical paint pattern. Clean hands.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "In our story today, we heard how Jesus' friends wanted to love others like Jesus loved them. They wanted to be super sharers because that's how Jesus loved others."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Take a pair of scissors and cut around the line on the paper. (Pause.) Unfold your paper. What did you make? (Pause.) A heart! Hearts mean love, and that's what we've been learning about today! Let's make this heart into a kite. Glue the streamer to your heart. (Pause.) Flip it over and add the label to the streamer. (Pause.) Pick two colors of paint, and I'll squeeze a little of both colors onto your heart. (Leader, make sure to only put the paint on one side.) Fold your heart back up and rub your hand over it like this. (Demonstrate.) Great. Now let's carefully open the hearts. (Pause.) Look at that, friends! Your paint that was only on one side is now on both sides! And it's exactly the same on both sides! Your paint shared, just like Jesus' friends in our Bible story today."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Jesus showed His love by sharing, and that's what His friends did, too. They spent a lot of time together. They ate together, talked, laughed, and praised God together. This showed everybody that they were friends with Jesus. They loved each other because Jesus loved them. We can be friends like Jesus and share so that everyone knows that Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend forever. **Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**"



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6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

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"Since everyone needs clothes, and giving people clothes when they need them is one way we can love like Jesus, I thought we could make a list of clothing. It can be socks, shoes, a coat, shirt . . . anything that you wear. When I say your name, tell me one kind of clothing, and I will write it in our prayer journal. Get ready and listen for your name! (Say each child's name and write down what they say. Remember to print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)"

"This is a great list of clothes! Let's pray that we will love people the way Jesus loves us and help them have the clothes they need. 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 giving us the clothes we need. Help us give people (read the list the children made) so they will have clothes and know how much Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend forever. We love You, God. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

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