



WEEK  
**ONE**  
MARCH 2023

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

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

## MADE TO THINK

an advanced activity specifically  
designed for older preschoolers



## 3. WAYS TO LOVE LIKE JESUS

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Butcher paper, broad tip permanent marker, copy paper, scissors, glue sticks, washable markers, and painter's tape

### WHAT YOU DO:

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Write "I CAN LOVE LIKE JESUS" across the top of the butcher paper. Cut the copy paper in half. Set the washable markers in the center and a half sheet of copy paper at each spot at the table.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Encourage the children to name one way they can love like Jesus then draw their example on their half sheet of paper. After they finish, lead them to glue their half sheet onto the butcher paper.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Talk about all the great ways we can love like Jesus. Hang the banner in the hall for parents to see at pick-up.

### WHAT YOU SAY:

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Friends, come find a spot at the table. In our story today, Jesus loved His friends by washing their feet. What are other ways we can love like Jesus?"

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "How can YOU love like Jesus? I want you to draw your example on the piece of paper in front of you. You can use the markers on the table. (Pause.) See these words at the top of the paper? They say, 'I CAN LOVE LIKE JESUS.' These are great pictures! Let me help you glue your picture to the banner. (Pause.) Look at our banner. I love all your examples of ways to love like Jesus! We can give a hug, we can help, we can let someone else go first, we can (give a few examples from their drawings)."

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "When I ask, 'Who can love like Jesus?', you say, **I can love like Jesus. Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus.**"

## BIBLE STORY

I can love like Jesus.

**JESUS WASHES  
HIS FRIENDS' FEET  
JOHN 13:3-7, 34-35**

## MEMORY VERSE

"A friend loves at all times."

**PROVERBS 17:17, NIV**

## KEY QUESTION

Who can love like Jesus?

## BOTTOM LINE

I can love like Jesus.

## BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be  
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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,  
Bible, cardstock, scissors, paperclip, journal, and a fun-  
shaped pen

### BIBLE STORY

I can love like Jesus.

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Now, let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.*) Today in our Bible story, Jesus showed us one way we can love like Him. Let's make a list of other ways we can love like Jesus. When I say your name, tell me one way you think we can love like Jesus, and I'll write it in our journal. (*Remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

"These are wonderful ways we can love like Jesus! Let's pray and ask God to help us love like Jesus. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?" (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*)

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### PRAYER

**SGL:** "Dear God, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to show us how to love. Please help us love like Jesus and do things like . . . (*read the list the children made*). You're the best, God, and we love YOU very much! In Jesus' name, amen."

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