



WEEK
FOUR
MARCH 2023

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



BIBLE STORY

I can love everyone
like Jesus.

JESUS LOVES EVERYONE THE GOSPELS

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
my friend forever.

5. LIKE JESUS HEADBAND

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Like Jesus Headband" Activity Page, cardstock, sentence strips, heart stickers, dot markers, glue sticks, scissors, stapler, tape, and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Like Jesus Headband" on cardstock and cut, one set per child. Write each child's name on their sentence strip.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to decorate their sentence strip with dot markers and heart stickers. Instruct them to glue the heart with the letters in it on their sentence strip first. Then ask children to glue the other hearts on either side of the first heart. Wrap the sentence strip around each child's head to find the fit, and staple shut. Cover the ends of the staple with tape.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how Jesus loves everyone, and we can, too.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come sit with me at the table, and let's make a headband."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Use the markers and stickers to decorate your paper strip. (Pause.) Great job! Now find the heart picture that has words on it. (Pause.) It says, 'I can love like Jesus.' Glue that heart in the middle of your strip. (Pause.) Now glue the other two hearts on either side of that one. (Pause.) Fantastic! Now let me measure it to your head and staple it shut. (Pause.) Put a piece of tape right there over the back of the staple. (Pause.) Great! Now your headbands are ready to wear!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In our story today, we heard how Jesus chose different people with different jobs and from different families and different places, to follow Him. Jesus loves everyone, and He wants us to love everyone, everywhere, just like Him. **I can love like Jesus. Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus.**"



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an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" from Week One paperclipped in Bible; journal; fun-shaped pen; and confetti or colorful pom-poms

BIBLE STORY

I can love everyone
like Jesus.

JESUS LOVES EVERYONE THE GOSPELS

Now it's time to write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.*) Since Jesus loves everyone, we'll make a list of people we can love. And it can be anyone because when we love like Jesus, we love EVERYONE! So when I say your name, tell me the name of one person, and I will write it in our journal. (*Write down what each child says beside their names. Remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

"Look at all these people! (*Show the journal.*) Let's pray that we will love them like Jesus. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?" (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*)

MEMORY VERSE

"A friend loves at all times."

PROVERBS 17:17, NIV

PRAYER

SGL: "Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to love (*say each child's name*) and everyone in the whole, wide world! We want to love everyone like Jesus. Help us love . . . (*read the list the children made*) and all of the people in the world who aren't on our list. You're the best, God. In Jesus' name. amen."

KEY QUESTION

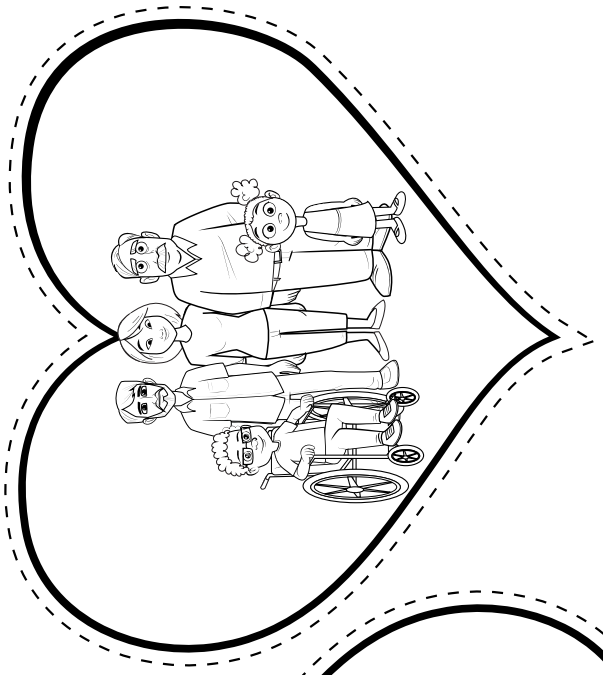
Who can love like Jesus?

BOTTOM LINE

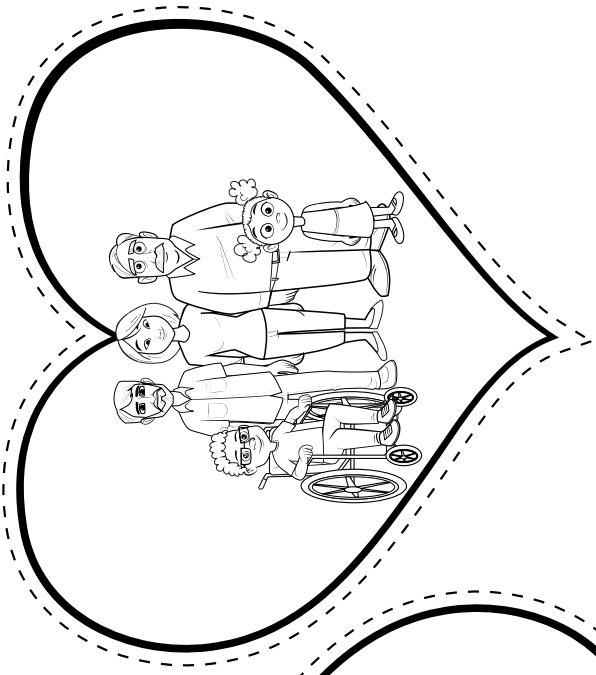
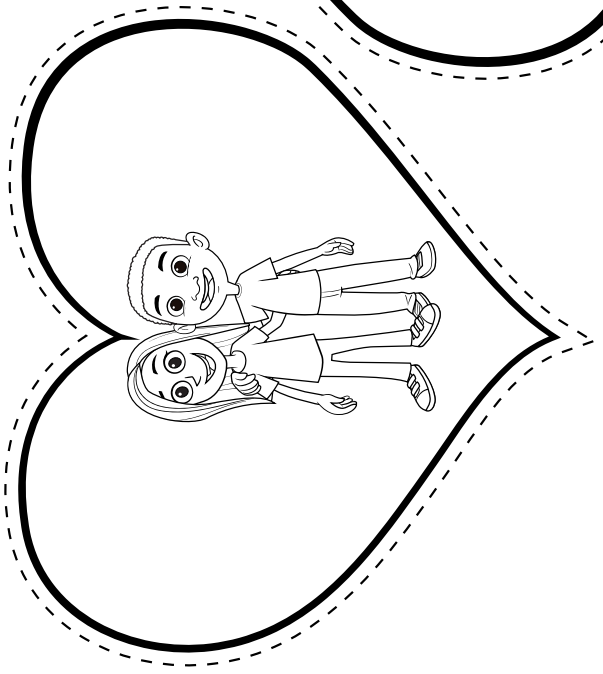
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