



WEEK  
**THREE**  
APRIL 2024

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

PRELUDE      SOCIAL      WORSHIP      STORY      **GROUPS**      HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

**MADE TO MOVE**

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn



**4. POUR THE LIGHT**

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Yellow ball pit ball and small Solo® cups

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Gather the children in a circle. Give them each a cup.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Put the yellow ball pit ball on your cup and demonstrate how to "pour" the ball from your cup to the next child's cup. Encourage them to keep going until the ball makes it around the circle. Continue as long as there is interest.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** Review the Bottom Line.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Friends, let's gather in a circle and play a game. Everyone needs one of these cups."

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "We've been talking about shining and being the light of Jesus. We can shine when we do what Jesus says. Let's take this light (*hold up ball*) and pour it into each other's cups. I'll show you how. (*Demonstrate.*) Keep it going around the circle. Great job keeping the light going around the circle!"

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "When we do what Jesus says and love others, we shine like a light for all our friends to see. We can love like Jesus by sharing when someone needs something. We can love like Jesus when we pray and praise God together with our friends. We can all do what Jesus says. **Who can do what Jesus says? I can do what Jesus says!**"

**BIBLE STORY**

Jesus says to love like Him.

**EARLY CHURCH  
ACTS 2:42-47;  
JOHN 15:12,  
HEBREWS 10:24**

**MEMORY VERSE**

"Let your light shine."

**MATTHEW 5:16, NIV**

**KEY QUESTION**

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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 from Week One in Bible, a journal, and a fun-shaped pen

**WHAT YOU DO:**

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 ways we can love like Jesus. When I say your name, tell me one way you can love like Jesus, 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.*)

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "These are wonderful ways we can love like Jesus. And when we love like Jesus, we SHINE! Let's use our list 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 so much You gave us Your Son, Jesus, to show us how to love and to be our friend forever. Please help us to do what Jesus says and love others the way Jesus loves us. We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."

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