



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. JESUS LOVES BRAINSTORM
[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Butcher paper, washable markers, heart stamps, washable ink pads in a variety of colors, and baby wipes

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Lay the butcher paper on the table. Draw an outline of a large heart on the butcher paper. Along the top of the page, write: "JESUS LOVES . . ."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Read the title at the top of the page "JESUS LOVES . . ." to the children. Encourage them to take turns naming people Jesus loves as they add a heart by pressing the stamp onto the ink pad and then onto the heart outline. Encourage the children to continue to name people Jesus loves and adding hearts to the paper. Clean hands as needed.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible Story and Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come find a spot at the table."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Here at the top of the page it says, 'JESUS LOVES . . .' Do you see this big heart? Hearts make us think of . . . love! That's right! Let's take turns naming people Jesus loves! When I call on you, name someone Jesus loves, then press this stamp onto the ink pad like this! Then, press the stamp inside the heart like this. *(Demonstrate.)* [Child's name], tell me someone Jesus loves. *(Pause.)* Fantastic! Stamp a heart inside this big heart. *(Pause.)* [Child's name], tell me someone Jesus loves. *(Continue with each child, and repeat as desired.)* Look at all these hearts inside this big heart! These hearts are all the people you named. Jesus loves every single one of them and more because **Jesus loves everyone!**"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Jesus loved Matthew and He loves you too! Tell me: **Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!** One more time! **Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!**"

BIBLE STORY

Jesus loves everyone.

MATTHEW
MATTHEW 9:9-10

MEMORY VERSE

"Love each other in the same way I have loved you."

JOHN 15:12, NLT

KEY QUESTION

Who does Jesus love?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus loves everyone.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



WEEK
TWO
FEBRUARY 2025

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

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25 MINUTES

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

BIBLE STORY

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"Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*) After Matthew followed Jesus, Matthew had a special dinner for Jesus. Wow! If Jesus came to your house, what food would you make for Him? Let's make a list of the food we would make for Jesus. So, when I say your name, tell me one food you would make for 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.*)

MEMORY VERSE

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JOHN 15:12, NLT

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Thank you for helping me make this list of yummy food. (*Hold up journal.*) Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*) Dear God, if Jesus came to our house, we would make Him yummy food like (*read the list of food*). Thank You for sending Jesus to show us how much You love us and how we should love each other. Please help us love like Jesus. You're the best, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."

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