



WEEK
ONE

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. BUCKETS OF LOVE

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Ways to Love" Activity Pages, cardstock, scissors, four buckets, tape, plastic bin, and pom-poms

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Ways to Love" on cardstock and cut in half, one set per group. Tape one half page to the front of each bucket. Set the buckets in a row, side-by-side, about two feet apart in the center of your Small Group area. Make sure the bucket with the heart is the last in line. Place the pom-poms in the plastic bin and set the bin five or six feet away from the buckets.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Have the children line up facing the pictures on the buckets. Let the children take turns tossing a pom-pom into each bucket. Point out the picture on the front of each bucket and talk about what they see. Name the way the person in the picture is choosing to love like Jesus. As they toss their pom-poms in the bucket with the heart, encourage them to name one way they can love others like Jesus.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about all the different ways we can love like Jesus.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, line up in front of these buckets. We're going to take turns tossing a pom-pom into each bucket. When you do, we'll talk about what we see in each picture."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Everyone, toss a pom-pom into the first bucket. (Pause.) What do you see in this picture? (*picture of two friends hugging*) Yes, these two friends are hugging. It looks like one friend is sad and the other is encouraging them with a hug! That's loving like Jesus for sure.

"Let's all toss a pom-pom into the second bucket. (Pause.) What do you see in this picture? (*two friends sharing a cookie*) These two friends are sharing a cookie. That's loving like Jesus!

"Toss a pom-pom into the third bucket. (Pause.) What do you see in this picture? (*a friend who's fallen from his bike*) One friend has fallen off his bike and another friend has stopped to help. Is that loving like Jesus? Yes!

"Okay, last bucket. Toss a pom-pom into this bucket. (Pause.) What do you see in this picture? (*heart*) It's a heart! Can you name a way you could love others like Jesus? (Pause.) There are so many ways to love like Jesus! You gave some great examples."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Jesus showed us how to love so we 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 my friend forever.