

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



5. GOD LOVES ME SO MUCH

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "God Loves Me So Much" Activity Page; cardstock; large construction paper; pencil; scissors; glue sticks; and a permanent marker; Optional "God Loves Me So Much Label" Activity Page; Avery® #5160 labels or equivalent; and heart-shaped dessert plates

BIBLE STORY

God gave us Jesus.

GREATEST VERSE EVER
JOHN 3:16

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "God Loves Me So Much" on cardstock and cut, one per child. Cut construction paper lengthwise into four strips, two strips per child. Trace child's hands on cardstock and cut out. *Optional:* Copy "God Loves Me So Much Label" Activity Page on the label paper, one per child.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Show children how to accordion fold the two strips of construction paper. Encourage children to glue the arms to the back of the heart. Then have the children glue their hands to the end of each accordion arm. Write child's name on their heart or hand.

Optional for older children: Help children trace and cut out their hand outlines.

Optional materials from above: Have children put the label on the middle of the heart plate and add the accordion arms. Trace and cut out hands and have them glue their hand cutouts to the accordion arms.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how God loves you.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Today, I have a fun craft for us to make to show how much God loves you. It starts with this heart. (*Hold up the heart cutout.*) It says, 'God loves me.' Say that with me. God loves me. (*Repeat.*) Awesome!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Now, we need to make arms to go on the heart. Take one of the strips of paper and fold it like this. (*Demonstrate.*) This is called an accordion fold. Once you finish the first strip, do the same for the other strip. (*Pause.*) Nice. Glue one arm to each side of your heart. (*Pause.*) Remember earlier I traced your hands? Well, here they are! Glue one hand to the end of each arm. (*Pause.*) Look how long the arms on your heart are. (*Pause.*) God loves you more than that! Stretch your arms out like this. (*Demonstrate.*) Look how big that is. (*Pause.*) God loves you more than that! That is amazing!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "God loves you, and you, and you, and you! (*Point to each child.*) God loves each and every one of us so very much that He gave us the most special gift He could ever give. God gave us His Son, Jesus to be our friend forever! We can trust God because He gave us the best gift, Jesus, to be our friend forever. **Who can you trust? I can trust God.**"

MEMORY VERSE

"I trust in God.
I am not afraid."

PSALM 56:11, NIRV

KEY QUESTION

Who can trust God?

BOTTOM LINE

I can trust God.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclipped "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at Psalm 56:11, journal, and a fun-shaped pen

BIBLE STORY

God gave us Jesus.

GREATEST VERSE EVER JOHN 3:16

"Today, we'll make a list of our favorite gifts we have ever been given. Maybe it was a toy or clothes or something yummy to eat. So think about it, and when I say your name, tell me your favorite gift. I will write it in our prayer journal. Get ready and listen for your name!

(Say each child's name and write down what they say. Remember to print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

MEMORY VERSE

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"Wow! This is a great list of gifts! But as awesome as these gifts are, the best gift EVER is Jesus. God loves you and me so much that He gave us His Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever! Ok, let's pray. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

PRAYER

SGL: "Dear God, thank You for allowing us to get such wonderful gifts like (read the list the children made). These gifts are so fun and special. And thank You for giving us the best gift ever, Your Son, Jesus. Help us remember how much You love us so we will always trust You. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

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