



WEEK
FOUR
FEBRUARY 2025

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



1. THE WHEELS ON THE BUS VERSE

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "The Wheels on the Bus Verse" Activity Page, cardstock, happy-face stickers, and permanent marker

Note: You can find examples of hand motions in the "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF and video, included in the Prelude folder and on Pinterest.

BIBLE STORY

Jesus wants everyone to follow Him.

THE TWELVE DISCIPLES

MATTHEW 4:18-22,

9:9-10, 10:2-4; JOHN 1:43-49

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.

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "The Wheels on the Bus Verse" on cardstock, one per child. Set an Activity Page at each spot at the table with the happy-face stickers nearby. Lead the children to repeat the Memory Verse together with the motions.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Invite children to find a spot at the table. Point out the Memory Verse on the paper and repeat it together. Encourage them to add happy-face stickers to the bus. Write each child's name on their paper, and set the paper aside for pick up.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Connect the Memory Verse to the Bottom Line.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, we've been learning an awesome Memory Verse! Let's do the motions as we say it together. 'Love (cross arms over chest) each other in the same way (point to others) I have (point up) loved you,' (cross arms over chest) John 15:12. (Open hands like a book.) Great job, friends!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Now come find a spot at the table. What do you see on the page in front of you? (Pause.) A bus! That's right. And here on the bus, it says our Memory Verse: 'Love each other in the same way I have loved you.' John 15:12! Jesus loves us and that makes me SO happy! Let's add some happy-face stickers to the windows of our bus. (Pause.) Super-duper!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Jesus loved the disciples, and Jesus loves us, too, because **Jesus loves everyone**. Tell me: **Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone**. One more time! **Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!**"



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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" Activity Page from Week One in Bible, journal, fun-shaped pen, reward stickers or a handstamp, and a timer

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"Now let's sit back down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*) We've talked a lot about how **Jesus loves everyone** so let's see how many people we can name before this timer goes off! It can be any person we think of because **Jesus loves everyone!** You don't have to wait for me to call your name. Just say all the people you can think of, and I'll write down as many as I can. On your mark. Get set. Go!" (*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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AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Whew! I wrote as many names as I could! Look! (*Hold up journal.*) This is a lot of names! Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*) Dear God, we know **Jesus loves everyone.** I pray (*say each child's name*) will know how much Jesus loves them and that they will follow Jesus one day. We also pray that (*read the list the children made*) will know how much Jesus loves them and will follow Jesus too. You're the best, God! In Jesus' name. Amen."

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