



WEEK  
**FIVE**  
SEPTEMBER 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. LOVE PASS

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Spring-loaded clothespins and paper hearts in a variety of colors

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Sit in a circle with the children. Give each child a clothespin and demonstrate how to open

and close it. Practice with the children. Put the hearts in front of you.

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Clip one heart in your clothespin and explain that you will pass the heart around the circle from friend to friend.

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

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Hi, friends! Come sit in a circle with me. I have a game for us to play where we can spread the love."

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "I'm going to turn to the friend next to me, [child's name], and pass the heart. [Child's name] will pinch the heart with their clothespin and when they have it, I will pinch my clothespin and let it go. Then [child's name] will turn to the friend next to them and we'll keep going and going until it makes it back to me. Let's practice. (*Pinch a heart in your clothespin and pass it to the friend next to you.*) Here it comes. (*Help guide the process with your words.*) Great job, everyone! Let's do it again with this [color] heart!" (*Repeat as desired.*)

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "You helped each other play the game of passing the heart—the love—around our circle! When you were helping each other, you were loving like Jesus! **Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus!**"

### BIBLE STORY

I love like Jesus when I help others.

**TABITHA HELPS  
ACTS 9:36-42**

### MEMORY VERSE

"You are the light of the world."

**MATTHEW 5:14, NIRV**

### KEY QUESTION

Who can love like Jesus?

### BOTTOM LINE

I can love like Jesus.

### BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



**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, journal, fun-shaped pen, and reward stickers or a handstamp

**BIBLE STORY**

I love like Jesus when I help others.

**TABITHA HELPS  
ACTS 9:36-42**

"Now, let's sit back 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 help others. When I say your name, tell me one thing you can do to help others, and I will write it by your name." (*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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**MATTHEW 5:14, NIRV**

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "These are wonderful ways to help others! (*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, thank You for sending Jesus to show us how to love others. Jesus helped so many people. Please help (*say each child's name*) love like Jesus by doing things like (*read the list the children made*). We want to be a light to the world so everyone can see that Jesus loves them! We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."

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