



WEEK  
**TWO**  
FEBRUARY 2024

SMALL GROUP  
**3-5** YEAR  
-OLDS

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. PLEASE STEP FORWARD [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** Ask children to line up on one side of your activity area as you stand on the opposite side.

### BIBLE STORY

Jesus is a friend to everyone

**THE UNLOVED WOMAN  
JOHN 8:2-11**

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** Play a game similar to "Mother, May I?" Call out a series of questions and then call for the children to take one step forward. Once most of the children are within a step or two of you, call out the last question, "If you've ever made a mistake, take one step forward."

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** When all the friends make it to you, celebrate! Then talk about the woman in our story who had made lots of mistakes, but Jesus still loved her.

### MEMORY VERSE

"Be kind and loving to each other."

**EPHESIANS 4:32, NCV**

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

**BEFORE THE ACTIVITY:** "Friends, go stand on this side of the room and I'm going to stand on that side. We're going to play a game! If you agree with what I say, take a step towards me."

**DURING THE ACTIVITY:** "Here we go! Everyone, listen and get ready to move. If you like chicken nuggets, take one step forward. (Pause.) If you have a dog, take one step forward. (Pause.) If you like ice cream, take one step forward. (Pause.) If you have a sister or brother, take one step forward. (Pause.) If you love to give hugs, take one step forward. (Continue with different statements until most children are within a step or two of you.) If you've ever made a mistake, take one step forward. (Pause.) Now freeze where you are and look around. Did everyone step forward? (Pause.) Yes! Everyone stepped forward because we ALL make mistakes! But that's okay because Jesus loves us even when we make mistakes!"

### BOTTOM LINE

Jesus loves everyone.

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** "The woman in our Bible Story today made lots of mistakes and the people who brought her to Jesus thought she should be punished. Jesus didn't punish the woman like the people wanted. Jesus told her to go and make good choices. Jesus was kind and loving to the woman when no one else was because **Jesus loves everyone. Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!**"

### BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



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**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.*) Today we learned that Jesus is a friend to everyone, because **Jesus loves everyone. Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!** That's why we are going to make a list of people we can be a friend to. When I say your name, tell me one person you can be a friend to, like Jesus, and I will write them in our journal." (*Remember to print, as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

**MEMORY VERSE**

"Be kind and loving to each other."

**EPHESIANS 4:32, NCV**

**AFTER THE ACTIVITY:** (*Hold up journal.*) "Look at all of these people! Let's use our list when we pray and talk to God. 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 be a friend to everyone. Please help us be a friend, like Jesus, to (*read the names in the journal*). **Jesus loves everyone**, and so should we. We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."

**KEY QUESTION**

Who does Jesus love?

**BOTTOM LINE**

Jesus loves everyone.

**BASIC TRUTH**

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