



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 to take home



2. GREAT BIG HEART

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Great Big Heart" and "Great Big Heart Sticker" Activity Pages, cardstock, Avery® Labels #5160 or equivalent, scissors, glue sticks, crayons, and craft sticks

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Great Big Heart" on

cardstock and cut, one per child and leader. Copy "Great Big Heart Sticker" on label paper, one sticker per child and leader. Create a heart on a craft stick for the leader.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Give each child a heart cutout and craft stick. Ask children to color their heart and glue it to the end of a craft stick. Give each child a "Great Big Heart Sticker" to put on their craft stick, below the heart. Once every child has their heart stick ready, review the Bible Story. Tell the children to hold their heart stick up every time you say the word "LOVE."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how Jesus told a story about a father and his son to teach us that God loves us no matter what.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Come sit with me! We're going to make a great, big, colorful heart and play a game with it!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Use the crayons to color your heart. (Pause.) These look great! Glue your heart to the end of this craft stick. (Pause.) Now add this sticker on the craft stick! (Pause.) Look at your sticker. It says, 'Jesus teaches us that God loves us no matter what.' Do you see the little heart on your sticker? That heart is for love, just like the heart on your stick. Let's use our heart sticks to play a game! Every time you hear me say the word LOVE, I want you to hold up your heart. Ready? (The leader will hold up their heart when they say LOVE.)"

"Jesus told a story about a father who LOVED (hold up the heart) his son no matter what. The father LOVED (hold up the heart) his son when he asked for a lot of money. The father LOVED (hold up the heart) his son when his son took the money and went far, far away. The father LOVED (hold up the heart) his son when he spent all of his money doing things that were wrong. The father LOVED (hold up the heart) his son when he was hungry and feeding pigs. The father LOVED (hold up the heart) his son when his son came back and said he was sorry. The father was so happy his son had come home that he threw a party, cooked lots of yummy food, and gave his son a new robe, shoes, and a ring. The father really did LOVE (hold up the heart) his son no matter what!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Jesus told the story about the father and his son to teach us that God loves us no matter what. That's really important! Jesus teaches us all kinds of important things! **Who teaches you important things? Jesus teaches me important things!"**

BIBLE STORY

Jesus teaches us that God loves us no matter what.

PRODIGAL SON
LUKE 15:11-24

MEMORY VERSE

"The people were amazed at his teaching."

MATTHEW 7:28, NCV

KEY QUESTION

Who teaches you important things?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus teaches me important things.

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: a journal, a fun-shaped pen, heart stickers, and a variety of stickers or a hand stamp

BIBLE STORY

Jesus teaches us that God loves us no matter what.

PRODIGAL SON
LUKE 15:11-24

“Now, let’s sit back down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*) Jesus taught us something very important today. Jesus taught us that God loves (*say each child’s name*) no matter what! That’s why I am going to write everyone’s name in our journal, and then you will put a heart sticker on your name. (*Remember to print as you write in the journal, so the children can recognize their names and the letters. Say, “God loves [name of child] no matter what” each time a child puts a heart sticker on their name.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: “Look! Everyone has a heart on their name because God loves you no matter what! Let’s pray and talk to God about it. Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*)

MEMORY VERSE

“The people were amazed at his teaching.”

MATTHEW 7:28, NCV

“Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to teach us important things—like how You love us no matter what! You love (*say each child’s name*), and me no matter what! That’s amazing! We love You, God! In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

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