



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



5. NO-MATTER-WHAT MIRROR FRAME

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "No-Matter-What Mirror Frame" and "Mirror Frame Parent Note" Activity Pages; cardstock; stickers; dot markers; utility knife; scissors; and a permanent marker

BIBLE STORY

God loves me when I'm frustrated.

**MOSES IS FRUSTRATED
NUMBERS 11:4-17**

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "No-Matter-What Mirror Frame" on cardstock and cut, one per child. Copy "Mirror Frame Parent Note" on cardstock and cut apart, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to decorate their frame with the dot markers and stickers. Hold up their papers in front of them, look through the hole, and say the Bottom Line together.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

MEMORY VERSE

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart."

PROVERBS 3:5, NIV

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Come over to the table and do a craft with me. We're going to decorate this frame, but it's not for a picture. See the cutout? (Hold the paper up to your face and look through the hole.) It's to see you!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Use the dot markers and the stickers to decorate your frame. (Pause.) These look great! (Pause.) Now hold it up to your face and look through the hole. (Pause.) Tell me, **who loves you no matter what? God loves me no matter what.** That's right! Keep your paper in front of your face. Show me a frustrated face like Moses had in our story today. (Pause.) Those are really frustrated faces! But God loves you, even if you are frustrated! Show me how you feel right now. (Pause.) Whoa! Great faces! God loves you no matter what. These will go home with you today. If you hang it on your mirror, you can look in the hole at yourself and remember that no matter how you're feeling, it's okay to feel that way because God loves you no matter what."

KEY QUESTION

Who loves you no matter what?

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Today in our story, we heard about when Moses was frustrated. He was trying to lead and take care of the Israelites, God's people, but they complained about everything. They were hungry so God sent them bread that rained down from heaven. Then they were thirsty, so God made water come out of a rock. Moses thought they'd be happy, but they weren't. They wanted more food, different food. They wished they were back home. No matter what God did, they were whiny, and Moses was frustrated. So, Moses talked to God and told Him he was frustrated. God heard Moses and loved him. Then God sent people to help Moses take care of everyone, so he didn't have to do the job alone. God loved Moses when he was frustrated, and He loves us when we're frustrated, too. God loves us no matter what. **Who loves you no matter what? God loves me no matter what.**"

BOTTOM LINE

God loves me no matter what.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.



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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: Paperclipped "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at Proverbs 3:5; journal; and a fun-shaped pen

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL):

BIBLE STORY

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"Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.*) Hearing the Israelites complain over and over and over again made Moses very frustrated. Today, we're going to make a list of things that make us feel frustrated. It might be something like having trouble learning something new or a little brother or sister not letting you watch what you want on TV or having to wait for food when you're really hungry. When I say your name, tell me one thing that makes you feel frustrated.

(*Write down what each child says beside their names. Remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

MEMORY VERSE

"Trust in the Lord
with all your heart."

PROVERBS 3:5, NIV

"You know, everyone feels frustrated sometimes, even me. I'm so thankful we can always talk to God about how we feel, and He will always love us no matter what! Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

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

KEY QUESTION

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PRAYER

SGL: "Dear God, sometimes we feel frustrated. [Child's name] feels frustrated when (*read what they listed*). [Child's name] feels frustrated when (*read what they listed*). (*Continue with each child and what they listed.*) Please help us remember that when we feel frustrated, we can always talk to You about it, and You will love us no matter what. You're the best, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

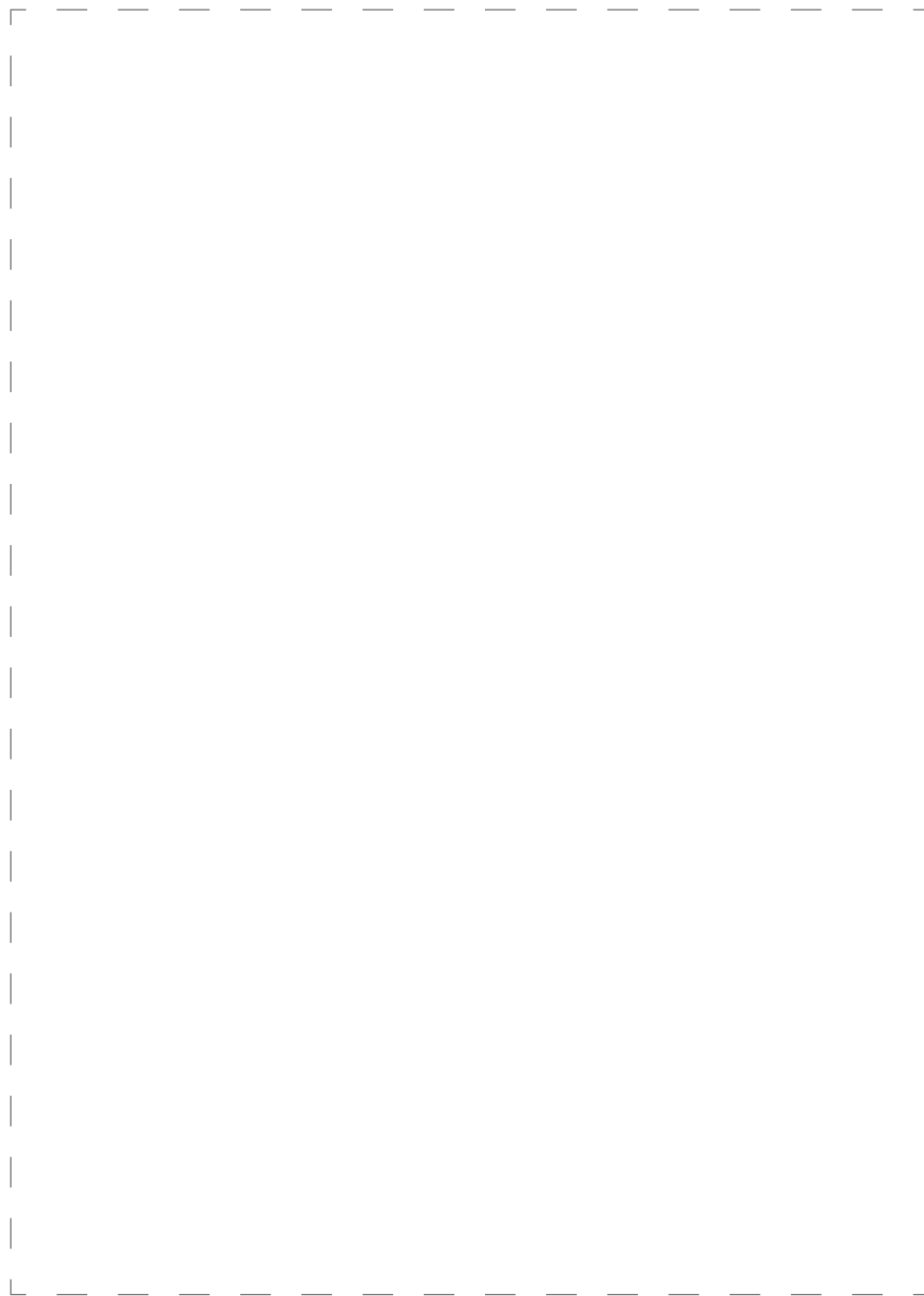
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BASIC TRUTH

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