



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



BIBLE STORY

Jesus can help me choose love.

WE LOVE BECAUSE GOD LOVES US
1 JOHN 4:9-13

MEMORY VERSE

"I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength."

PHILIPPIANS 4:13, NLT

KEY QUESTION

Who can help you do everything?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus can help me do everything.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

5. HEART MAN

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Large Heart" and "Small Hearts" Activity Pages, red cardstock, construction paper in any color, scissors, glue sticks, googly-eye stickers, and permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Large Heart" on red cardstock and cut out, one per child. Copy "Small Hearts" on red cardstock and cut out, four per child. Write the child's name on the back of their large heart. Cut construction paper into 1" wide strips, four per child.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to fold each of the four strips of construction paper in an accordion-folded pattern. Have them glue two for arms at either side of the rounded part of the large heart and two for legs at either side of the bottom part of the heart. Glue the smaller hearts on the other ends of each of the accordion folds for hands and feet. Add googly eyes.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Show me how far you can stretch your arms out. (Pause.) Wow, that's really far! Okay, arms down. In our Bible story, we learned that God loves you bigger than your arms can stretch! Isn't that awesome! Let's make a stretchy heart man to help us remember God's BIG love."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "You have one big heart for the body, four smaller hearts for the hands and feet, and four strips of paper for arms and legs. But we need to fold them in a special way. It's called an accordion fold. Fold it back and forth like this. (Demonstrate.) Do that for each strip. (Pause.) Great! See how these stretch out? (Hold both ends and stretch out the strip.) Just like when you stretched your arms out as far as you could.

"Two of these will be the arms, so glue one on each side of your big heart. (Pause.) And the other two will be the legs. Glue them to the bottom of your heart. (Pause.) Now glue one of the smaller hearts to the end of each of the arms and legs. (Pause.) These are the hands and feet. The last thing you need to add is the eyes. Put two googly-eye stickers on your heart man. (Pause.) Nice job."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "God loves us so much that He gave us His Son, Jesus, to be our friend forever. Jesus grew up to do amazing things and teach us how God wants us to live and love others. No matter where Jesus went or what He was doing, Jesus stopped to show others He loved them. He taught us to stop and listen, help, and forgive our friends. When we do, we are loving like Jesus taught us. Jesus can help us love everyone. Jesus can help us do everything. **Who can help you do everything? Jesus can help me do everything.**"



WEEK
ONE
JUNE 2022

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY **GROUPS** HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

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 Philippians 4:13; journal and fun-shaped pen

SMALL GROUP LEADER:

BIBLE STORY

Jesus can help me choose love.

**WE LOVE BECAUSE
GOD LOVES US
1 JOHN 4:9-13**

Now, let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.*)

"Today, we'll make a list of people we can love because one of the things Jesus can help us do is choose love. Then when we pray, we can ask God to help us love others the way He loves us. (*Say each child's name as you write it down.*)

Write down what they say beside their names. Remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)

"Now we have our list. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?"

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

MEMORY VERSE

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PRAYER

SGL: "Dear God, thank You for loving us so much that You gave us Jesus to be our friend forever. Thank You that Jesus can help us do everything—like choose love. Please help [child's name] choose to love [name they listed]. Help [child's name] choose to love [name they listed] . . . (*continue with each child.*) We want to love others the way You love us. In Jesus' name, amen."

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