

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. FINGERPRINT PEOPLE

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Fingerprint People" Activity Page, cardstock, washable paint, small heart stickers, paper plates, baby wipes, and permanent marker; Optional smiley face stickers or dot markers in place of paint

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Fingerprint People" on cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper. Pour some paint on the paper plates.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Ask children to put a heart sticker on the picture of Jesus. Encourage children to dip their fingertip in the paint and make dots for people around Jesus. Clean hands as needed.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bottom Line together.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Come sit with me! We're going to make paint people as we review our Bible story."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "This is a picture of Jesus from our Bible story. Lots and lots of people came to hear Jesus teach, because they knew Jesus teaches important things. When Jesus saw the large crowd of people, He loved them and began teaching them.

"Let's put a heart on Jesus because He loved the people. *(Give each child a heart sticker to put on the picture.)* Now let's add people all around Jesus. Dip your finger in the paint and dot it all around Jesus. *(Pause.)* Look at all those people! Lots and lots of people came to hear Jesus teach." *(Clean hands as needed.)*

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Jesus taught the large crowd of people important things, and Jesus teaches you important things too. **Who teaches you important things? Jesus teaches me important things!**"

BIBLE STORY

People came to hear Jesus because He teaches important things.

JESUS TEACHES A CROWD
MARK 6:30-34

MEMORY VERSE

"The people were amazed at his teaching."

MATTHEW 7:28, NCV

KEY QUESTION

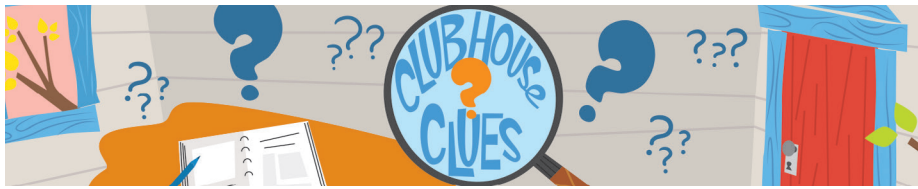
Who teaches you important things?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus teaches me important things.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



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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: Bible, journal, and a fun-shaped pen

BIBLE STORY

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MARK 6:30-34

Let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Open journal.*) Today we learned that Jesus teaches us important things. **Who teaches you important things? Jesus teaches me important things.**

Since Jesus teaches us important things, let's think of some places we can hear the important things Jesus teaches, and then 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.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "These are wonderful places to hear the important things Jesus teaches us! Let's pray and talk to God about them. 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 teach us important things, like how to love and be kind and forgive one another. Help us do things like (*go to church, read the Bible . . . the things you listed in your journal*). We want to hear all of the important things Jesus teaches us! We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

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