



WEEK
THREE
MARCH 2023

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY **GROUPS** HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn



4. PASS THE ICE CREAM

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Brown construction paper, ball pit balls, and tape

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Roll brown paper into a cone and tape to secure, one per child.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Give each child a paper cone and talk about how it looks like an ice cream cone. Give a third of the children a ball pit ball and explain the ball is the ice cream. Encourage the children to find someone to share their ice cream with. Have them tip their cone to allow the ball to roll out into the friend's cone. Continue passing and sharing the ice cream. If desired, stand in a circle and have the children pass and share one ice cream.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how we can love like Jesus.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hey, friends come play a game with me!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Everyone gets one of these. (Hold up a cone.) What do these remind you of? (Pause.) They look like ice cream cones! Hold your cone like this. I'll give a few of you a ball. They will be the ice cream for your cone. To play the game, you need to share your ice cream with someone who doesn't have ice cream. To share it, tip your cone like this so it will roll into their cone. (Demonstrate.) Ready, set, share! (Pause.) Wow, great job, friends! Let's play again. (Repeat as desired.) That was fantastic sharing!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: ""In our Bible story, there was a crowd of people coming to see Jesus! There were over 5,000 people! Jesus loved them all. Jesus knew they would be hungry and wanted to help them. There was a boy in the crowd who had five loaves of bread and two fish. Jesus prayed and thanked God for the food. Then Jesus gave the bread and fish to His friends to share with all the people and said everyone could have as much food as they wanted! Jesus fed more than 5,000 people with five loaves of bread and two fish. Jesus helped a lot of people that day by feeding them. We can love like Jesus when we share and help others, too. **Who can love like Jesus? I can love like Jesus.**"

BIBLE STORY

I can share like Jesus.

JESUS HELPS
JOHN 6:1-13

MEMORY VERSE

"A friend loves at all times."

PROVERBS 17:17, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who can love like Jesus?

BOTTOM LINE

I can love like Jesus.

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" from Week One paperclipped in Bible; 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. (Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.) Today, we'll make a list of things we can do to help our family. Helping our family is loving like Jesus! So when I say your name, tell me one way you can help your family, and I'll write it in our journal. (Remember to print so the children can recognize their names and the letters.) "Thank you! You just helped me make this list. See? You can love like Jesus! Would anyone like to pray before I pray?" (Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)

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PRAYER

SGL: "Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to show us how to love. Please help us help our family and do things like . . . (read the list the children made). We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

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