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ARRIVAL ACTIVITY

Whisper Game



What You Need: No supplies are needed.

What You Do: Stand with the children in a circle. Whisper to the child next to you, “Jesus loves everyone!” Instruct that child to whisper what they heard from you to the child next to them. Continue until you have gone all the way around the circle. When the last person has had his turn, have him announce the phrase. If he’s a little off, gently correct him. Play again with the phrase, “Will you be my friend?” You may choose other phrases about Jesus' love to keep the game going. Play until the children lose interest.

What You Say:

At the start of the activity: “Today we are going to play a game where you have to use your mouth and ears. When your friend tells you something in your ear, you have to really listen so you can tell someone else. Are you ready?”

At the end of the activity: “That was so much fun! You are all so good at listening! In our story today, we are going to hear about something Jesus tells us and wants us to tell others. I cannot wait to find out what it is! Are you ready for a true story from the Bible? (Children respond.) Me too!”



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Love Go Round Game



What You Need: No supplies are needed.

What You Do: Ask all the children to hold hands and make a circle. Choose one child to stand in the middle of the circle. Walk in a circle, around the standing child, while holding hands. While you walk, sing the chant below to the tune of “Ring Around the Rosie” one time. Make it fun when you all fall down. Then choose another child to stand in the middle of the circle while you walk and sing again. Continue doing this until all the children have had a turn standing in the circle.

What You Say:

Sing to the tune of “Ring Around the Rosie”:

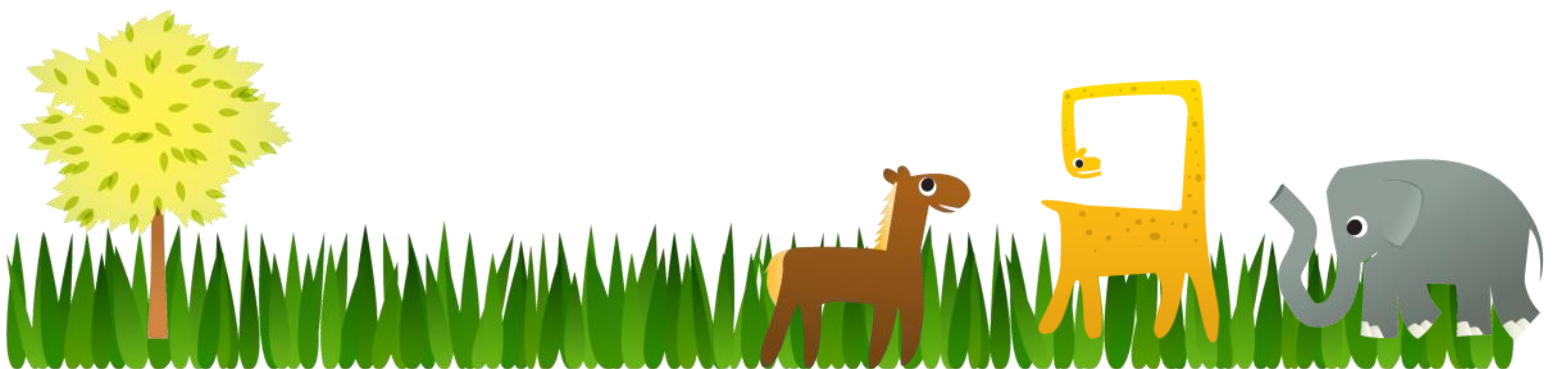
“Jesus loves (name of child in the middle of the circle).

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He loves her (or him). He loves her (or him).

We all fall down!”

At the end of the activity while sitting in a circle together: “Jesus loves (name each child). [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone! Who does Jesus love? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone!”



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Pass It On Hearts Craft



What You Need: “Hearts” (from the Activity Pages on the Web site), scissors, crayons or markers.

What You Do:

Before the activity: Copy “Hearts” onto cardstock and cut apart so that each child can have four heart cutouts.

During the activity: Give each child four heart cutouts and let kids decorate them with crayons and stickers.

What You Say: “Do you know why we made these beautiful hearts in class today? We made them for a very special reason. The words on the hearts say, ‘Jesus loves you!’ These hearts are for you to give to your family or friends to tell them that Jesus loves them. You can be just like the fishermen in our story today who told other people about Jesus! When your family and friends look at your wonderful hearts, they will read how much Jesus loves them! Who does Jesus love? Yes! [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone!”



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Dismissal Activity

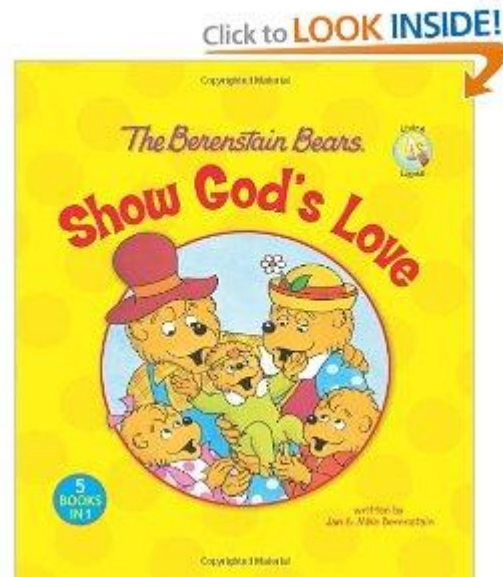


Read to Me



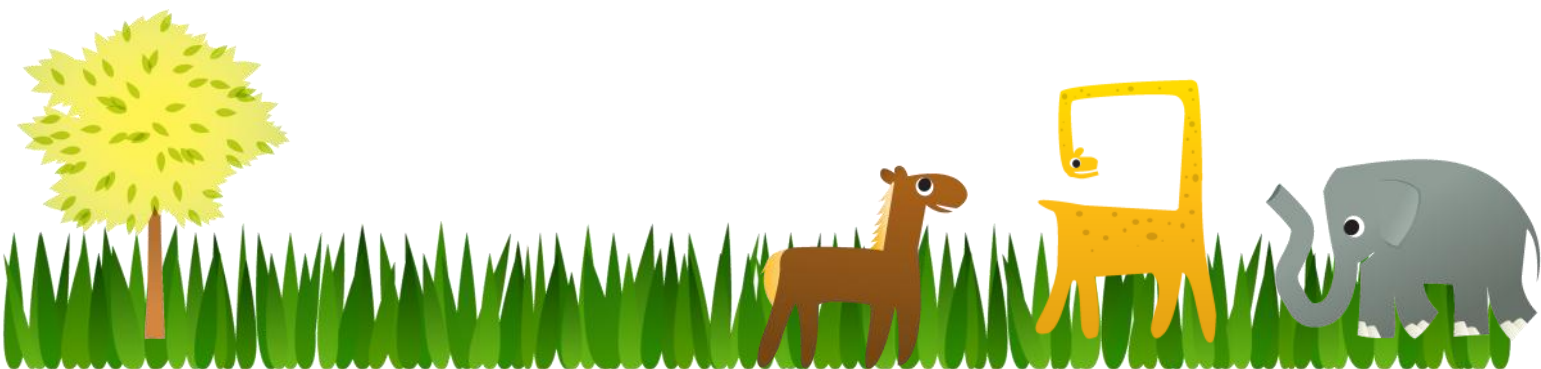
What You Need:

Berenstain Bears “Show
God’s Love” book



Option 2—Play-doh Hearts

What you need—play-doh and heart cutters from your metal cabinets.



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Everyone Needs Jesus

Disciples Tell Others
Matthew 4:18-22, 28: 16-20 John 1:35-45

Jesus loves everyone! He wants everyone to know that He loves them! That's why Jesus picked some special friends to help Him tell everyone!

"Two of the very first friends Jesus picked to tell people were brothers named Peter and Andrew. They were fisherman. Can you cast a fishing line with me? (Pretend to do so.)

"Yes! Peter and Andrew were fisherman. Jesus said to them, 'Come (motion with your hand to come) and be my friend.' Peter and Andrew went with Jesus because they knew [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone. That means Jesus loves you! Turn to your neighbor and say that with me. Jesus loves you! Now turn to your other neighbor and say it. Jesus loves you! Turn around in a circle and say, [Bottom Line] 'Jesus loves everyone!' Yes, He does!

"After that, Jesus found two more friends. One, two (holding up your fingers). Then they found another friend. There were one, two, three (holding up your fingers) friends. Jesus said to each of them, 'Come (motion with your hand to come) and be my friend.' They came because they knew that [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone! Turn to your neighbor and say, 'Jesus loves you.' (Lead kids in doing so.) Now turn to your other neighbor and say it. Jesus loves you! Jump up and down and say, [Bottom Line] 'Jesus loves everyone!' (Do so with the kids.)

"Jesus told all His friends to keep telling everyone that He loves them and wants to be their friend forever. So they kept telling people and telling people, and here we are today still telling people about Jesus and that [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone. Who does Jesus love? [Bottom Line] Jesus loves everyone. Who does Jesus love?"

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] "Jesus (point up) loves (cross your arms over your chest) everyone (hold your arms out)."

STORYTELLER: "Yes, He does! Let's ask Jesus to help us tell others about Him.

"Dear Jesus, thank You for loving us so much. We love learning the stories in the Bible that teach us all about You. Help us to remember to tell other people about You because You want to be their friend forever, too. Amen."