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OVERVIEW CARD

I Can Love Like Jesus

Key Question:

How can I love?

Bottom Line:

I can love like Jesus.

Memory Verse:

"Love each other as I have loved you."
John 15:12, NIV

Bible Story Focus:

I can share when I have a little.
Widow's Mite
Mark 12:41-44

Coloring Page:

A poor woman gives all she has.

Music:

Shout
Great Big God
I Can Do All Things

Bible Lesson:

The Beginner's Bible
A Poor Widow's Gift
Pages 433 to 436

Story:

Let Share
by P.K. Hallinan

Service Time:

66 minutes (week 1)
66 minutes (week 2)

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ACTIVITY 1

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Drop a Little

What You Need: Plastic coins and an aluminum bucket

What You Do:

Before the activity: Hide the gold coins around the room. (*Ask the children to close their eyes while you hide the coins.*) Tell the children that coins are hidden throughout our classroom.

During the activity: When you are ready, tell the children to open their eyes and find the coins. Once all the coins have been found, let each child choose one coin. Children will take turns dropping their coins into the bucket one at a time. Listen to the sound one coin makes. Let children drop several coins into the bucket. Compare the sounds of a little and a lot.

At the end of the activity: Clean up all the coins and talk about the Bible lesson.

What You Say:

Before the activity: "Hey, friends! I have a fun game for us to play! We are going to play with these gold coins. (*Show the kids the plastic coins.*) Take one (*hold one finger up*) out of the bucket and hold it up. (*Pause.*) There are gold coins like this one hidden throughout our classroom and we have to collect them all before we can play our game. Can you help me find all the coins? (*Pause*) Great! Let's find some coins!"

During the activity: "Now take your coin and drop it into the bucket. (*Pause.*) Listen to the sound it makes. (*Continue until all children have dropped their discs in.*) Now this time, let's drop our coins in at the same time. One, two, three drop! (*Pause.*) Wow, did you hear the sound all the coins made when they were dropped together? Let's drop them one at a time again."

At the end of the activity: "When we dropped all the coins in together, it made a louder sound than just the one coin by itself. In today's lesson, we heard about a woman who gave the only coins she had. Do you remember why she did that? (*Pause*) Yes, she wanted to love people like Jesus did. How can I love? (*Pause*) I can love like Jesus."

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ACTIVITY 2

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Make a Little

What You Need: Play-Doh[®] and a ruler

What You Do: Give each child some Play-Doh[®] and instruct them to make little things, like a little ball, little pancake, little flower, little dog, etc. Each time a child makes something, offer to measure it with your ruler to see how little it is.

What You Say:

During the activity: “Who likes to make things with Play-Doh[®]? (Pause.) Me too! I love making things with Play-Doh[®]! I have some Play-Doh[®] we can make things with today. Let’s see how many little things we can make. When you get done making something, show me and I’ll measure it to see just how little it is!”

At the end of the activity: “You guys are the best when it comes to making little things! Our Bible lesson today was about another kind of little. It was about how we can share with others, even when all we have is a little.”

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ACTIVITY 3

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Move a Little

What You Need: Nothing needed

What You Do:

Before the activity: Spread out in an open area in the room.

During the activity: Call out different little animals for kids to move like. Have kids give suggestions, too.

At the end of the activity: Sit down together and reinforce the Bible lesson.

What You Say:

Before the activity: “Hey, friends! Can you move with me? Before we start, we need to spread out.”

During the activity: “Super duper! Let’s move like a grasshopper. *(Pause.)* What good grasshoppers you are! Let’s move like a mouse. *(Pause.)* Very good! How about a snail? Snails are super slow. Move slowly. *(Pause.)* What about a butterfly? *(Pause.)* Love it!”
(Continue calling out little animals and let kids give suggestions too.)

At the end of the activity: “That was great fun moving around like animals. Did you notice that all the animals we were pretending to be were little? Scrunch down and show me little. *(Squat down low to the ground.)* In our Bible lesson today we heard about a woman who had just a little of something, but it wasn’t an animal. Do you remember what it was?”

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ACTIVITY 4

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Verse and Motions

What You Need: Nothing needed

What You Do:

Before the activity: Spread out in an open area in the room.

During the activity: Teach the children this month's Memory Verse and motions.

At the end of the activity: Say the Bottom Line with the kids.

What You Say:

Before the activity: "We have a great new Memory Verse to learn today! Come spread out around me."

During the activity: "Our Verse this month goes like this, 'Love each other as I have loved you.' John 15:12. Say that with me. 'Love each other as I have loved you.' John 15:12. Great! Now let's put some motions to it. Watch me and do what I do. Super job!"

At the end of the activity: "You guys rocked our Memory Verse today! Great job! The Bible says to 'love each other as I have loved you.' That means we can love like Jesus! **How can I love? (Pause.) I can love like Jesus.**"

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ACTIVITY 5 – 4's/5's

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Running Bases to God's Word

What You Need: Baseball Bases

What You Do:

Before the activity: Tape the four bases down on the floor of your activity area an equal distance from each other in a diamond shape to resemble a baseball field. (Note: Make sure you tape the bases to the floor with the tape on all sides so that a child does not trip over a loose side.)

During the activity: Have the children line up behind home plate and lead the children in running around the bases as they say one word of the key question every time they touch a base (1st (How) 2nd (can) 3rd (I) Home (love)). Once, each child has run around the bases have ALL the children give the answer to the key question (Bottom Line) by shouting: "I Can Love Like Jesus."

What You Say:

During the activity: "We are going to play a fun game where we run around these bases I have set up. Who likes to play running bases or baseball? (*Pause*) Me too! Today, we are going to run the bases and say one word of our key question every time we touch a base. Our key question is: How can I love? On first base you will say HOW, on second base you will say CAN, on third base you will say I and on home plate you will say LOVE. When you are finished running the bases, we will all answer the question, 'how can I love' by shouting 'I can love like Jesus'. Our Bible lesson today was about a women who shared what little she had because she wanted to love like Jesus. Do you remember what happened in our lesson?"

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ACTIVITY 6 – 4's/5's

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Musical Chairs – I Can Share

What You Need:

Chairs, Paper Coin activity page, tape, CD Player and Fun Music

What You Do:

Count the number of children present and arrange chairs in a circle in the middle of the room with one less chair than the number of kids. Attach a coin to the seat of every chair with tape. Start the music and have children walk around the outside of the circle of chairs while the music plays. When the music stops, have the children sit in the closest chair. The child without a chair to sit in will say his memory verse and get to help with starting and stopping the music the next round. Keep playing until two children are left. Once the game is down to two children, ask the children about today's lesson and what they think they should do with one remaining chair (share). Review the week's lesson with the children and talk about how the woman in our lesson wanted to be like Jesus.

What To Say:

"Our Bible lesson today was about a woman who shared a lot even though it didn't sound like a lot. Jesus heard her few coins as she dropped them in. They sounded like a little to everyone else. In fact, it was so little no one else probably even heard them. But Jesus knew the woman was sharing ALL she had, and that made it a lot! Sharing when you have a little is one way you can love like Jesus.

How can you love? (Pause.) I can love like Jesus."

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CRAFT – WK 1

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Memory Verse Picture Frame

What You Need:

Picture Frame, heart stampers, magnets and memory verse.

What You Do:

Have the children decorate the picture frame with heart stampers.

What You Say:

Before the activity: “Today we are going to begin learning our new Memory Verse and WOW is it a Good one! Are you ready! Repeat after me!” (Say a couple of words of the verse at a time, allowing the children to echo. Do this several times and then begin saying the verse different ways together.) We are going to make a picture frame with our memory verse inside that you can take home and look at through out the week.”

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CRAFT - WK 2

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Colored Hearts

What You Need: “Coffee Hearts” from the Activity Pages on the Website, pink cardstock, different colored markers, small spray bottle, small coffee filters, water, scissors, and a glue stick.

What You Do:

Before the activity: Copy “Coffee Hearts” from the Activity Pages onto pink cardstock for each child. Cut the coffee filters into heart shapes so that each child gets one. Fill the spray bottle with water.

During the activity: Give each child a heart and allow them to color them with the markers. Encourage them to color the entire heart on one side. When finished, lightly spray the colored heart with the spray bottle so that the colors run and then allow them to dry.

At the end of the activity: Once dry, help the child glue the hearts onto the Activity Page.

What You Say:

Before the activity: “Jesus loves us so much! Let’s make beautiful hearts and take them home to tell everyone how much He loves us.”

During the activity: “Here is your heart. (Hold up hearts.) Use your markers to color the heart all over on this side. (Point to one side of the filter.) After you are done we are going to do something AH-MAZING! (Allow the children to color them and then spray the filter lightly with water.) WOW! Look at what the water did to the colors! It is beautiful! Let’s put them aside to dry.”

At the end of the activity: “Now that our hearts are dry, we are going to glue them onto this page. (Hold up Activity Page.) Now you can tell everyone about how much Jesus loves us! **How can I love? (Pause.) I can love like Jesus.**”

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SMALL GROUP

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Small Group Time

What you Need: Provide a “Small Group” poster, marker and stickers for each classroom.

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): “Jesus said the woman in our lesson gave a lot, even though she only gave a couple of coins. Jesus said that because He knew the woman gave all she had. We can love like Jesus by sharing when we have a lot AND when we have a little. You see, it doesn’t really matter if it’s a lot or a little. God just wants us to love like Jesus and share! **How can I love?”**

CHILDREN and SGL: “I can love like Jesus.”

SGL: “You sure can! And our Memory Verse is going to help us. Let’s say it together. ‘Love each other as I have loved you’, John 15:12.

(Repeat the verse a few times together.)

“Awesome! Now it’s time to write on our “Small Group” poster and pray. Today I want us to make a list of some things we can share, even if we only have a little. Like we may only have one cookie, but we can break it in half and share it with a friend. That is a great way to love like Jesus! Let’s make our list. What can you share even if you only have a little?

(Write down the children’s names and what they say on the “Small Group” poster. Remember to print the words so they can recognize their names and letters. Once complete hang the poster for parents to look at during child pick up.)

“This is a great list! Let’s pray and ask God to help us share when we have a little so we can love like Jesus. Would anyone like to say your own prayer before I pray?”

(Give each child that wants to pray the opportunity to do so and then close with a prayer that includes the list the children made.)

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