

October Week 5



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# OVERVIEW CARD

**God Made Me**  
**God Loves Me**  
**Jesus wants to be my**  
**Friend Forever!**

**Key Question:**

Who loves you?

**Bottom Line:**

God loves me.

**Memory Verse:**

"I have loved you with a love that lasts forever."  
Jeremiah 31:3, NLV

**Bible Story Focus:**

God Made Me, God Loves Me and  
Jesus wants to be my friend forever.  
Review Basic Truths

**Coloring Page:**

Truth Balloon

**Music:**

Great Big God  
I Like To  
I Can Count on God  
Every Part of Me

**Story:**

A Love Letter from God  
by P.K. Hallinan

**Service Time:**

69 minutes

**Memory Verse –**

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# ACTIVITY 1

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## Follow the Balloon

### Big Idea:

*“Follow the Balloon” is an activity that encourages kids to use balance and gross motor skills.*

**What You Need:** “Follow” from the Activity Pages found on the Website, colored cardstock, scissors, large craft stick, and masking tape

### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Copy “Follow” on cardstock and cut out. Tape to one end of the craft stick.

*During the Activity:* Carry the balloon and lead the kids around the room chanting the three Basic Truths.

*After the Activity:* Say the Bottom Line together.

### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* “Hey, friends! Come line up behind me. We’re going to follow the balloon.”

*During the Activity:* “Away we go! (Start walking around the room.) Repeat after me. God made me. (Repeat.) God loves me! (Repeat.) Jesus wants to be my friend forever. (Repeat.) Again! Repeat after me. God made me. (Repeat.) God loves me! (Repeat.) Jesus wants to be my friend forever. (Repeat.) You guys are doing great!” (Repeat as many times as desired.)

*After the Activity:* “Sit down with me. (Pause.) We’ve had a lot of fun with our theme this month: ‘Away We Go.’ I’m so excited to start this new year with you learning that God made me, God loves me, and Jesus wants to be my friend forever. **Who loves you? God loves me.**”

## Memory Verse –

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## ACTIVITY 2

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### Three Truths

#### Big Idea:

*“Three Truths” is an activity that uses large motor movement and listening skills to review the three Basic Truths.*

**What You Need:** Three laundry baskets, 20-30 plastic balls, “Basic Truths” from the Activity Pages found on the website and tape. (Note: Ball pit balls will work well for this activity.)

#### What You Do:

*Before the activity:* Tape one “Basic Truths” to the front of each laundry basket. Place the laundry basket on the floor and scatter the balls around on the floor.

*During the activity:* Encourage children to gather the balls and throw them into the laundry baskets. (For older children you may want to divide them into three teams and assign them one truth basket to fill.) After all the balls are collected determine which basket has the most balls and say that Basic Truth three times. (For older children the winning team can make up motions for their truth and everyone can act it out while saying the truth. An example would be to hug yourself while saying God loves me.) Repeat as many times as desired.

#### What You Say:

*Before the activity:* “Well, hello, friends! We are going to play a really fun game. Look all around; all these balls are everywhere! Can you help me pick them up and get them back into the baskets? (Pause.) Yay! Great!”

*During the activity:* “It looks like the “God Loves Me” basket has the most balls in it. Did you know that God loves you, yes, He does; He loves each and everyone one of us. Let’s say that together three times in our loudest voices. Ready! (Pause) God loves me! God loves me! God loves me! You guys sounded amazing! Let’s try it again and see which basket wins next.”

*After the Activity:* “Our Bible lesson today was about three very important things that I hope you always remember. It’s about how God made you, God loves you, and Jesus was to be your friend forever. Who made you? **God made me.** Who loves you? **God loves me.** Who wants to be your friend forever? **Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**”

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## ACTIVITY 3

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### Heart Play-Doh®

#### **Big Idea:**

*“Heart Play-Doh®” is an activity that reviews the three Basic Truths while children use Play-Doh® to make hearts.”*

**What You Need:** Play-Doh®, rolling pins, magic scratch writing sticks and heart-shaped cookie cutters

**What You Do:** Place the Play-Doh® and the cookie cutters on the tables in the play area. Guide the children to make heart shapes with the dough, using either the cookie cutters or their hands. Then have the children use the writing sticks to write the three Basic Truths inside of the Play-Doh® hearts. (*for younger children have volunteers help write the words or allow children to decorate the hearts with the writing sticks as you review the truths.*)

*Three Basis Truths: God made me, God loves me and Jesus wants to be my friend forever.*

**What You Say:** “Mushy, squishy Play-Doh®! I love to play with Play-Doh®! Can you flatten it out and make a heart with this cookie cutter like this? (*Demonstrate.*) That’s a fantastic heart! Let’s make some more hearts. (*Pause.*) Wow! Looking at all of these hearts reminds me that God loves me. It’s true! God made me, God loves me and Jesus wants to be my friend forever!”

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# ACTIVITY 4

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## Running Bases - Memory Verse Review

### *Big Idea:*

*“Running Bases - Memory Verse Review” is an activity that uses movement and repetition to help the children memorize and retain the Memory Verse.*

**What You Need:** Baseball Bases and “Heart Verse” from the Activity Pages found on the Website, pink cardstock, masking tape, and scissors

### **What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Copy “Heart Verse” onto the card stock. Cut out the hearts. Tape the hearts to the bases. Make sure the verse is in the correct order. Place 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 a part of the memory verse every time they touch a base:

First Base 1:	“I have loved you”
Second Base 2:	“with a love”
Third Base 3:	“that lasts forever”
Home Plate:	“Jeremiah 31:3”

### **What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* “I have bases filled with hearts (*point to the hearts*). The hearts have words on them! These are the words to our Memory Verse this month. Do you remember the words to our verse? (*Pause.*) Great! Let’s say it together while we run around the bases.”

*After the Activity:* “Nice job! You really know our Memory Verse very well. Our verse tells us that God loves us very much ALL of the time! He always, always loves us! **Who loves you? God loves me!**”

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## ACTIVITY 5 – 4's/5's

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### Go to It

#### Big Idea:

*"Go to It" is an activity that uses large motor movement and listening skills to review the three Basic Truths.*

**What You Need:** "Basic Truth Symbols" from the Activity Pages found on the Website, 9 pieces of white cardstock, and tape

#### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Make three copies of each basic truth symbol on white cardstock. This will give you a total of nine pictures.

*During the Activity:* Tape the nine pictures to the walls around your room at the children's eye level. Review the Basic Truths and the symbol that goes with each truth with the children. Instruct the children that you will call out an action for them to do and a Basic Truth. When you say, "Away we go," they must do the action to the symbol that matches the truth.

#### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* "Look at the pictures on the wall with me. When we look at this boy and girl, I want us to think about how God made you and me. Who made you? **God made me.** When we look at this red heart, I want us to think about God loves you and me. Who loves you? **God loves me.** And when we look at this picture of Jesus, I want us to think about how Jesus wants to be your friend forever. Who wants to be your friend forever? **Jesus wants to be my friend forever!** Let's play a game with our pictures. I'll call out an action. It might be jumping or skipping or crawling. After I call out an action, I will call out one of our basic truths. When I say, 'AWAY WE GO,' I want you to do the action to the picture that matches the Basic Truth. For example, if I say, 'HOP,' and then I say, '**God made me,**' that means you will hop to a picture of the boy and girl after I say, 'AWAY WE GO!' Let's try that. Hop to a picture of the boy and girl when I say, 'AWAY WE GO.' AWAY WE GO! Good job! I think we're ready to play!"

*During the Activity:* "This time I want you to skip to, '**God loves me.**' Do you see the picture you're going to skip to? (Pause.) Okay, get ready! AWAY WE GO! Skip to the heart! Skip to the heart! Yay! Now I want you to walk backwards to '**Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**' Do you see the picture you're going to walk backwards to? (Pause.) Get ready! AWAY WE GO!" (Continue calling out actions and Basic Truths as long as the children are having fun.)

*After the Activity:* "Our Bible lesson today was about three very important things that I hope you always remember. It's about how God made you, God loves you, and Jesus was to be your friend forever. Who made you? **God made me.** Who loves you? **God loves me.** Who wants to be your friend forever? **Jesus wants to be my friend forever.**"

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# CRAFT – WK 5

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## Hot Air Balloon



### Big Idea:

*“Hot Air Balloon” is a craft activity that reinforces the theme of the month.*

**What You Need:** “Basket” from the Activity Pages found on the Website, brown cardstock, pipe cleaners, tape, scissors, crayons, stickers, and large, thin paper plates

### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Copy “Basket” onto the card stock. Cut out each basket. You will need one basket for each child. Cut the pipe cleaners into three-inch strips. Each child will need two strips of the pipe cleaner.

*During the Activity:* Give each child a paper plate, crayons, and some stickers. Have them color the back of the plate and decorate it with stickers. Give them a basket and two strips of the pipe cleaner. Tape one end of each of the pipe cleaner to each corner of the top of the basket. Make sure you tape them to the back of the basket. Tape the other ends of the pipe cleaners to the back of the plate.

*After the Activity:* Allow the children to place stickers on the basket.

### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* “This month we have been talking about all three of our Basic Truths. They’ve been on our special ‘Away We Go’ balloons, haven’t they?”

*During the Activity:* “We are going to make a balloon to show that we have learned all our Basic Truths. *(Give the children a plate, crayons, and stickers).* This will be the top of your balloon. Please color your balloon and decorate it with stickers. *(Allow the children to work.)* Your balloons are BEAUTIFUL!” *(Give each child a basket and pipe cleaners and help them tape the balloon together.)*

*After the Activity:* “Nice job! Away we go! We are learning that God made us, God loves us, and that Jesus wants to be our friend forever! **Who loves you?** *(Pause.)* **God loves me!** You may now put stickers on the basket of your balloon to make it extra fantastic!”

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# SMALL GROUP

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## Small Group Time

**What you Need:** Use the dry erase board in the classroom, and a dry erase marker. You will also need reward stickers.

**SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL):** “This month we have been learning about three very important things that God does not want us to ever forget. The first one is: **God made me**. Who made you? **God made me!** Yes! God made you!”

“The second one is: **God loves you**. Who loves you? **God loves me!** Yes! God loves you!”

“And the third one is: **Jesus wants to be my friend forever**. Who wants to be your friend forever? **Jesus wants to be my friend forever!** You got it! Jesus wants to be your friend forever.”

“I hope you always remember that God made you and God loves you and God gave you Jesus to be your friend forever. Who made you? **God made me!** Who loves you? **God loves me!** And who wants to be your friend forever? **Jesus wants to be my friend forever!**”

“Forever is a long time, but even the verse we’ve been learning says God loves us with a love that last forever. Let’s say it together one time and then anyone who wants to try and say it all by yourself can! I even have a surprise for everyone who tries! Let’s say the verse together with the motions.”

“‘I have loved you with a love that lasts forever’, Jeremiah 31:3. Okay, who’s ready to say it first?

*Give each child the opportunity to say the verse on his or her own. Have your stickers ready to given when they say it.*

“I am so proud of you! You did a great job learning that verse. So now that we know **God made me** and **God loves me** and **Jesus wants to be my friend forever**, who can we tell so they know too? That’s what I want to write on our dry erase board today. I want us to think of one person we can tell so they know that God made them and God loves them and Jesus wants to be their friend too! Think of your person, and when I say your name, you tell me your person and I’ll write their name on the board.”

*Write down each child’s name and the person they say. Remember to print the words so they can recognize their names and the letters.*

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