

# OVERVIEW CARD LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE

Basic Truth: God loves me.

Bottom Line: I can love God and love people.

Memory Verse: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart...

Love your neighbor as yourself."

Matthew 22:37-39, NIV

Bible Words: I can love God and love people.

Matthew 22:34-40

Music: God Made Me - #9 "Reach Up High" CD

Jesus Loves Everyone - #10 "Reach Up High" CD Wiggle Your Fingers - #11 "Reach Up High" CD

Story Book: Let's Be Patient

by P.K. Hallinan

Coloring Page: Peter helps a lame man. (Week 1)

LOVELY HEARTS (Activity Page) (Week 2)

Service Time: 69 minutes (week 1)

70 minutes (week 2)

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# **ACTIVITY 1**

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## **Story Time**

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some kids (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's OK. They're still listening and learning!

What You Need: Butcher paper, red markers, and tape

**What You Do:** Hang the butcher paper on the wall and gather the children near it. Draw on the butcher paper as you tell the story.

### What You Say:

"Hey, friends! We've been learning two important things that Jesus wants us to do. (*Draw a big heart.*) What is this? (*Pause.*) A heart! You are right! What does a heart make you think of? (*Pause.*) LOVE is absolutely right! Jesus said to love God (*draw another heart*) and love people. (*Draw another heart.*) That's it. Love God (*draw another heart*) and love people. (*Draw another heart.*) Those are the greatest things we can do! Shout it with me. (*Draw another heart.*) Love God! (*Repeat.*) Love people! (*Repeat.*) Awesome job! God loves everyone. (*Draw lots of hearts.*) He loves every single person! So if God loves everyone (*draw lots of hearts.*) WE (*point thumbs to your chest*) should love everyone too! (*Draw lots of hearts.*) When WE love people, it shows love to God. It's true. Every time you share your toys and take turns, you are loving people AND you are loving God. Every time you say, 'I love you,' to someone, you are loving them and you're loving God. Wow! Look at all the hearts on our paper! That's a lot of love!

"God loves you and God loves me. God wants us to love everyone. Who can you love? I can love God and love people."

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