

# 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 Kind

by P.K. Hallinan

**Coloring Page:** God's family meets together. (Week 3)

**HEART (Activity Page) (Week 4)** 

Service Time: 67 minutes (week 3)

60 minutes (week 4)

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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: "Heart" from the Activity Pages found on the Website, red cardstock, and scissors

Before the Activity: Copy "Heart" on cardstock and cut out.

What You Say: "Hey, friends! Our Bible story today is about two important things that Jesus wants us to do. (Hold up the 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! (Raise heart up and then put it down.) And love people. (Raise heart up and then put it down.) That's it. Love God! (Raise heart up and then put it down.) Those are the greatest things we can do! Shout it with me. (Raise heart up and shake it.) Love God! (Repeat.) Love people! (Repeat.) Awesome job! God loves everyone (move heart around the circle), every single person! So if God loves everyone (move heart around the circle), WE (point thumbs to your chest) should love everyone too! (Move heart around the circle.) When WE love people, it shows love to God. It's true. Every time you are kind to a friend, 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.

"God loves you and God loves me. Who can you love? I can love God and love people."

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