

May Weeks 1 and 2



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# OVERVIEW CARD

## THE UNLOVED WOMAN

**Key Question:**

Who does Jesus love?

**Bottom Line:**

Jesus loves everyone.

**Memory Verse:**

"Love each other as I have loved you."

John 15:12, NIV

**Bible Story Focus:**

Jesus loves us when no one else does.

The Unloved Woman

John 8:2-11

**Coloring Page:**

Jesus loves Everyone.

**Music:**

Praise the Lord Everyday

God is Big and He Loves Me

Love One Another

**Bible Lesson:**

None

**Story:**

God Loves Me More than That

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**Transition: Select one fun way below to move to Large Group time:**

- Having the children hold hands with their friends as they walk.
- Chanting this month's Bottom Line, "Jesus loves everyone!" as they march to the Large Group area.

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## ACTIVITY 1 –

2's/3's only

# THE UNLOVED WOMAN

## We Need Friends

### Big Idea:

*Scatter the small plush animals around the room and let the children collect them and place them on the large plush animal in the center of the room.*

**What You Need:** small plush animals (at least 1 per child) and 1 large plush animal

### What You Do:

- Place the large plush animal in the middle of the activity area.
- Place the small plush animals all around the activity area in plain sight.
- Tell the children that the large plush animal is lonely and needs friends.
- Encourage the children to go around the room and collect the small plush animals and place them next to the large one in the middle. Be sure every child has a plush animal to move to the middle.
- Collect all the animals and Bring it Back to Jesus\*

### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* “WOW! Look at all of the friends we have in the room today. (Point.) Uh-oh! The one in the middle looks really lonely. (Point.) He needs friends!”

*During the Activity:* “Can you go around the room and gather all of the little friends and bring them to this guy? (Point.) He really needs friends! (Do activity.) Great job!”

*After the Activity:* “Yay! Now he has friends! We all need friends! You know, Jesus wants to be our friend forever! In our Bible lesson today, we heard about a woman who really needed friends. **Jesus loved the woman even when no one else did. Jesus loves everyone no matter what! Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!**”

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**ACTIVITY 2 –**

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# **THE UNLOVED WOMAN**

## **Stop for Hugs**

### **Big Idea:**

*Children will dance while the music is playing and give a hug or high five when the music stops.*

**What You Need:** A CD player with monthly worship music

### **What You Do:**

- Set up the CD player with music in an open area for the children to move around in.
- Tell the children that you will play some music as they dance around the room.
- Play the music and encourage the children to dance.
- Stop the music and have the children find a friend, give him/her a hug or a high five, and say, '**Jesus loves everyone.**'
- Repeat several times until the song is finished.
- Have the children sit down and Bring it Back to Jesus\*

### **What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* "Today, I'm going to play some music and I want you to dance around this open area. When the music stops, I want you to find a friend, give them a hug or a high five, and say, '**Jesus loves everyone.**' Are you ready?" (Pause.)

*After the Activity:* "Tell me: **Who does Jesus love?** (Pause.) **Jesus loves everyone.** I'm sorry. I didn't hear you. **Who does Jesus love?** (Pause.) **Jesus loves everyone.** That's right. He loved the woman that everyone was mean to in our Bible lesson today. **Jesus loved the woman even when no one else did.** **Jesus loves everyone no matter what!** **Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!**"

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# ACTIVITY 3 - ALL THE UNLOVED WOMAN

## Pass the Heart

### Big Idea:

*Children will pass the pillow around the circle as they say the memory verse together.*

**What You Need:** Heart pillow

### What You Do:

- Have the children sit in a circle.
- Say the memory verse together as you pass the pillow around the circle.
- Repeat several times.
- Collect the pillow and Bring it Back to Jesus\*

### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* “Everyone come and sit in a circle with me. Our lesson today has me thinking about my how much Jesus loves us! There is no end to His love for us.”

*During the Activity:* “Let’s practice our memory verse as a class. We can pass the heart around the circle while we say it. (*Hold up pillow.*) Are you ready? (*Start passing the pillow.*) ‘Love each other as I have loved you’, John 15:12. Great job!” (*Repeat several times.*)

*After the Activity:* “Awesome job saying our verse! Jesus loves us so much and is always there to help us. Tell me: **Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!** **Jesus loved the woman even when on one else did. Jesus loves everyone no matter what! Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!**”

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## ACTIVITY 4 –

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# THE UNLOVED WOMAN

**Loves, Loves, YOU**

**Big Idea:**

*Children will play a fun game of "Duck, Duck, Goose".*

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

**What You Do:**

- Have the children sit in a circle and pick one child to be "It."
- Have the children play a version on "Duck, Duck, Goose," but use the words "loves, loves, you" instead.
- Have the child that is It walk around the circle and touch each child's head while saying, "Loves, loves, loves . . ." as he touches each head.
- When the child picks a child to be the next It, he will say "YOU" and start walking fast around the circle.
- The child that was picked will get up and walk fast to try and catch the first child before he sits down in the second child's spot on the floor. Repeat the activity until every child has been picked.
- Bring it Back to Jesus\*

**What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* "We are going to play a game like 'Duck, Duck, Goose,' but we are going to change the words to 'Jesus LOVES, LOVES YOU!'"

*During the Activity:* "Everyone sit in a circle. [Child's name] can be It first. He will say 'Jesus' and then walk around the circle saying 'loves' each time he touches a head. (*Demonstrate.*) He will then pick someone to be It and say 'YOU' when he touches that child's head. If you are picked, then get up and walk fast to try to touch [child's name] before he sits down in your spot. Are you ready?" (*Do activity.*)

*After the Activity:* "Nice job playing the game! It's true. Jesus loves us—all of us! **Jesus loved the woman even when on one else did. Jesus loves everyone no matter what! Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!**"

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## ACTIVITY 5 –

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# THE UNLOVED WOMAN

### Friend to Friend

#### Big Idea:

*The leader will call out a body part for the children to touch to another friend (like elbow to elbow).*

**What You Need:** No supplies needed

#### What You Do:

- Gather the children in an open area of the room
- Tell them to put their arms out wide so they can spread out and then drop their arms to their sides.
- Explain that you will call out a body part for them to touch to another friend (like elbow to elbow). The children must quickly find a friend and put their elbow to their friend's elbow.
- Demonstrate how to play with another leader.
- Remind them not to push or to run during the game.
- Have the children sit down and Bring it Back to Jesus\*

#### Body part pairs:

Elbow to elbow

Toes to toes

Knee to knee

Hand to hand

Foot to foot

Back to back

Linked arm to linked arm

Shoulder to shoulder

Heel to heel (you may need to point out where the heel is)

#### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* “Let’s gather over here so we have some space! Now I want you to open your arms out wide so you are spread out a little. (Pause as children follow direction.) Great job! You can put your arms down. I will call out a body part pair like ‘elbow to elbow’ and when I do, I want you to find a friend and put those two things together. So you would find a friend and touch your elbows together. Are you ready? (Pause.) Let’s go!”

*After the Activity:* “That was super fun! But you needed a friend to play that game, right? Most games are much more fun with friends. Today we heard a lesson about a woman who didn’t have any friends. **Jesus loved the woman even when on one else did. Jesus loves everyone no matter what! Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!**”

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# CRAFT WEEK 1

## THE UNLOVED WOMAN



### Heart Verse

**What You Need:** "Heart Verse" Activity Page on white cardstock and heart stampers

#### What You Do:

- Give each child a heart and a stamper.
- Demonstrate how to use the stampers.
- Encourage the children to decorate the entire heart with the stampers.
- Say the memory verse with the children.
- Write the child's name on their heart and place inside white bag.

#### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* "Our memory verse tells us that Jesus wants us to love our friends just like He loves us. Jesus loves everyone!"

*During the Activity:* "Use the stampers to make your heart beautiful! You can take it home and tell your family how Jesus loves everyone!" (Do activity.)

*After the Activity:* "Great job! Your hearts look awesome. Now let's say our memory verse together. *Love each other as I have loved you*, John 15:12. Awesome! **Jesus loves everyone!** Jesus loved the woman even when no one else did. **Jesus loves everyone no matter what!** **Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!**"

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# CRAFT WEEK 2

## THE UNLOVED WOMAN

### Love Notes

**What You Need:** Pastel cardstock, envelopes, heart stickers, stampers and ink pads, crayons and markers

#### What You Do:

- Set out the supplies for card making in the center of the table.
- Pass out the paper and encourage the children to create a “love note” for someone special.
- Encourage the children to decorate the cards as they choose. They can use the stickers or stamp pads or draw their own hearts.
- When they’ve had several minutes to work on their cards, help the children to place their cards inside the envelopes. Ask them who the card is for and write “TO: \_\_\_\_\_” and “FROM: \_\_\_\_\_” so that you can easily identify which card goes with which child and place inside white bags.

#### What You Say:

*During the Activity:* “Have you ever received a card on your birthday or in the mail? (Pause.) How did it make you feel? (Pause.) Today I want you to create a card for someone you love. I have everything you need right here on the table.”

*After the Activity:* “Someone special to you is going to be so happy to receive these cards you created today! We heard a lesson today about a lady who had no love notes. In fact, most people didn’t love her. But there was one very special person who did! **Jesus loved the woman even when no one else did. Jesus loves everyone no matter what! Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!**”

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# PLAYDOH/ PRAYER TIME THE UNLOVED WOMAN

## PLAYDOH/PRAYER TIME

**What you Need:** Parent Take Home Card, Playdoh, Heart Cookie Cutters, Rolling Pins, and Sticker Roll

**SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL):** "It's Prayer and Playdoh time! That means we get to go to our special spot. Since we're all friends, let's make a chain by holding hands and walk to our table. Grab a friend by the hand and follow me! (*Assist the children in making a chain holding hands as you lead the children to the table.*) That was fun! It's nice having friends. Now let's sit down so we can talk about our Bible lesson. One, two, three, sit down with me!"

**SGL:** "We learned in our Bible lesson today that **Jesus loves everyone**, even the women who didn't have any friends. **Jesus loved the woman even when on one else did. Jesus loves everyone no matter what! Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!** I want us to make a list of the people we need to love and be a good friend to. Like maybe:

- Your brother or sister
- Your friend at school
- Your neighbor

**SGL:** "When we pray, we can ask God to help us love them and be a good friend to them. When I say your name, **tell me one person you need to be a good friend to.** (Pause.) Great! Since Jesus is such a good friend to us, it helps us be a good friend to others. Now I'll pray."

**SGL:** "Ok, it's time to review our lesson. I am going to ask you some questions and you will get a sticker for answering them. I have some really cool stickers today. Are you ready? (Pause.) Great!"

- Go from child to child and have them repeat the memory verse for a sticker.
- Ask the children the Bottom Line question for a sticker.
- Using the Parent Take Home card, ask each child individually the questions pertaining to this week's lesson and give out a sticker.

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