February Week 2 Backyard Food Trucks

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CRAFT

Jesus loves me Valentine

SUPPLIES: Heart cut out, red cardstock, glue stick, crayons, heart stickers

- ⇒ Have children take a seat. Review the story and pass our heart cut out to each child. Pass out crayons.
 - "All month long we are learning about how much Jesus loves us! Jesus loves everyone! This week is Valentine's Day so we are going to make a Jesus Valentine!
 - "Who is this here? That's right! It's Jesus! It says, 'Jesus loves everyone!' I want you to always remember how much Jesus loves you!
 - Let's decorate our Valentines!"
- ⇒ Pass out pink/red cardstock and glue sticks.
 - o "Now, let's glue our heart onto this pretty paper.
 - Great job friends!"
- ⇒ Spread stickers out on the table for children to choose from (about 5 per child).
 - "These look beautiful! Now let's add hearts to help us remember how much Jesus loves us!"
- ⇒ Complete craft and Bring it Back to Jesus
 - "These look amazing! Bring this home and hang it up in a special place so you always remember how much Jesus loves you! Jesus loves you no matter who you are and no matter what you've done. Jesus is such a good friend. He wants to be your friend forever!
 - o Who loves everyone? Jesus loves everyone!"

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ACTIVITY #1

Someone Jesus Loves

SUPPLIES: Various pictures of People Jesus loves, Red Jesus heart pages, wall tape

SET-UP: Hang the pictures of people at children's eye level around the room. Then,

tape a red Jesus heart page over the top with tape just on the top part so it

can be flipped up and the picture underneath is revealed.

- ⇒ Have children join you in the center of the room. Review the Bible story and explain the activity.
 - "Friends, today in our true Bible story we learned about a woman who was very sad because she didn't have any friends. She had made some bad choices. But do you know who did love her and want to be her friend? Jesus! That's right! Jesus loves EVERYONE!
 - Today we are going to go on a search around the room for people Jesus loves! Do you see any red pages around the room with hearts on them? And look! It's Jesus in the center. Let's travel around from heart to heart and see who is underneath!"
- ⇒ Walk to the first Jesus heart and lift it up to see who is underneath.
 - "Here is a Jesus heart! Let's see who is underneath! Oh look! It's _____
 This is someone that Jesus loves because Jesus loves EVERYONE!
 - o Boys and girls, Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!
- ⇒ Continue until you have found all the people.
- ⇒ Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.
 - "Great work, friends! We found everyone! Wow! Jesus loves all of these people. Jesus loves everyone in the entire world! And it doesn't matter who they are or where they're from or what they've done. Jesus loves them no matter what! And he loves you, too!
 - Who does Jesus love?
 - Jesus loves everyone!"

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ACTIVITY #2 Heart Look and Find

SUPPLIES: Heart and earth stress balls

- ⇒ Have children join you in the center of the room and show them the hearts and earths.
 - "Today in our true Bible story we learned that Jesus love EVERYONE! His love is SO BIG! He has so much love for everyone in the world!
 - Do you see what I have here? What is this? A heart! And this? The Earth! These can remind us that Jesus loves EVERYONE all over the earth. He loves everyone, everywhere!
- ⇒ Scatter the stress balls around the room and have children gather them.
 - "I want you to close your eyes and I am going to spread these out all around the room. It's just like Jesus' love - it goes everywhere! When I tell you it's time to open your eyes I want you to find all the hearts and earths!
 - Close your eyes now!
 - o Are you ready? Open them!
- ⇒ Have children find all the stress balls. Repeat as long as children are interested.
- ⇒ Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.
 - "You did such a great job finding all the hearts and earths! I felt so much love all over this room! It's just like Jesus' love because Jesus loves everyone!
 - o Who does Jesus love?
 - Jesus loves everyone!"

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ACTIVITY #3 Memory Verse Practice

SUPPLIES: Reward Stickers

- ⇒ This activity can be done from spots at the table or spaced out in the center of the room.
 - "Friends, we have an awesome memory verse to practice! I want to try saying it in lots of different ways!"
- ⇒ Do memory verse all together in a variety of ways.
 - "First, let's say it once together. 'Be kind and loving to each other.'
 Ephesians 4:32
 - Now let's try it...
 - Super loud
 - Super quiet
 - Really fast
 - Really Slow
 - Jumping up and down
 - Running in Place
 - All the boys
 - All the girls
 - Kids only
 - Teachers only
- ⇒ Repeat as long as children are interested. If time permits, you can do one person at a time and give out stickers.
- ⇒ Complete the activity and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.
 - o "Nice work, my friends!
 - o Who does Jesus love?
 - Jesus loves everyone!"

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY FEBRUARY WEEK 2

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

God's Great Love for You by Rick Warren

REVIEW (You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)

- ⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line
 - o Who does Jesus love?
 - Jesus loves everyone!
- ⇒ Memory Verse
 - "Be kind and loving to each other."
 Ephesians 4:32

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

- ⇒ "Today we learned that Jesus is a friend to everyone, because Jesus loves everyone. Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone! That's why we are going to make a list of people we can be a friend to. When I say your name, tell me one person that you can be a friend to, and I will write it down.
 - Have each child share and write the ideas down on the weekly question strip/board/paper.
- ⇒Wow! Look at all these people! Let's use this list when we pray!
- \Rightarrow Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:
 - Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be a friend to everyone. Please help us be a friend, like Jesus, to (read the names in the journal). Jesus loves everyone, and so should we. We love You, God. In Jesus' name. Amen."