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## **CRAFT WEEK 1**

# Memory Verse Door Hanger

**SUPPLIES:** Door Hanger, Memory Verse label, Heart Foam Shape stickers,

Dixie cups

**TIP:** You can prep the stickers ahead of time by lining up Dixie cups

and placing 10 stickers in each cup. Later, when the kids are done with the craft, you can encourage them to gather up their scraps and place them in the cup. Empty cups into garbage and

keep the cups for the next class!

- ⇒ Have children take a seat at the table.
  - o "Today we learned a brand-new memory verse."
    - 'Be kind and loving to each other.' Ephesians 4:32
  - Can we try it all together? 'Be kind and loving to each other.'
     Ephesians 4:32
  - o Great job, friends!"
- ⇒ Pass out the Door hangers and memory verse labels.
  - This label says our memory verse 'Be kind and loving to each other.'
     Ephesians 4:32 Let's put it on our door hanger.
- ⇒ Pass out Dixie cups filled with 10 stickers each.
  - o Now let's decorate our door hangers with heart stickers!
- ⇒ Complete craft and Bring it Back to Jesus
  - These look great, everybody! You can hang these memory verse door hangers on your bedroom door and look at them every day. Every time you look at it I want you to remember that Jesus loves you and he wants to be your friend forever. Jesus loves EVERYONE!
  - o Who does Jesus love?
  - o Jesus loves everyone!"

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# **ACTIVITY #1**

Spot Removal

**SUPPLIES:** Red dot stickers (lots!)

- ⇒ Have one volunteer cover their sleeves with red dot stickers.
  - "Friends, look at our helper! She is covered with spots! This reminds me of the man in our true Bible story who had leprosy! Wow! Friends, do you think we can be like Jesus and help this friend out?"
- ⇒ Have children line up on one side of the room. Have the volunteer with "spots" stand on the other side. One at a time have children carefully run to the volunteer and remove one dot sticker then run back to the end of the line. Repeat this until all of the spots are gone.
  - "Let's all line up on this side of the room. Our friend is going to wait on the other side of the room. One at a time we are going to run down to the other side and take off 1 dot sticker. I'll stand down here with you and you can bring it back to me when you get back in line. We will each take a turn until ALL of the spots are gone! Are you ready? Let's do it!
- ⇒ Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.
  - "Great work, friends! In our Bible story, Jesus did something no one else could and healed the man with leprosy. The man had spots all over and Jesus made him all better! Jesus loved the man when no one else did because Jesus loves everyone!
  - o Who does Jesus love?
  - o Jesus loves everyone!"
- ⇒ Optional: If the children love this activity (and depending on your comfort level), you can play it again. Have the children help put the dot stickers on the volunteer. Set a boundary for where they can place the stickers (on your sleeves only).

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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 1

#### PASS OUT MOON SAND

#### **READ**

How Much Does God Love You? By Michelle Medlock Adams

#### **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 in our true Bible story we learned that Jesus loved EVERYONE! I wonder, can you tell me the name of someone Jesus loves? When I say your name, **tell me one person that Jesus loves**, and I will write it down.
  - Have each child share and write the ideas down on the weekly question strip/board/paper.
- ⇒Wow! These are great places to learn from Jesus! Let's pray!
- ⇒ Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and <u>pray</u>:
  - "Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be our friend forever. Thank you that Jesus loves EVERYONE. Thank you for loving (read the names the children listed). Help us to love everyone like you do! We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."