

February Week 4

Garden

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CRAFT

Jesus and the Children

SUPPLIES: Jesus picture, children cut-outs, glue, crayons, heart sticker

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children take a seat. Review the story and pass out Jesus picture to each child. Pass out crayons.**

- *"Today in our true Bible story we learned about a very special little group of people that Jesus loves. Do you remember who? That's right! The children! Let's start by coloring this picture of Jesus. Jesus loves everyone!"*

⇒ **Pass out set of pictures of children.**

- *"In our Bible story, the parents brought their children to see Jesus! When the children tried to get close to Jesus, Jesus' friends, the disciples, told the children to go away. What did Jesus say when His disciples did that? You're right! Jesus told them to let the children come to Him! Jesus loves all children, because Jesus loves everyone!"*
- *You each have 5 little children to remind us that Jesus LOVES the little children. Let's color them now.*
- *Those look great! Now use a glue stick and put a little glue on the back and add them to the picture around Jesus.*
- *If you want to, you can also add a picture of yourself! Can you draw a picture of you on the page? Because Jesus loves you so much!"*

⇒ **Give one heart sticker to each child.**

- *"These look great, everybody! Now, what do I have here? A heart sticker! What do hearts usually represent? You're right! Love! Jesus loves little children. Let's place a heart sticker on Jesus to remind us how much Jesus loves the little children."*

⇒ **Complete craft and Bring it Back to Jesus**

- *"Nice work, friends. Jesus didn't want anyone to stop the little children from coming to him. He loved them so much! And do you know what? Jesus loves you, too! Jesus loves EVERYONE! Boys and girls, tell me one more time..."*
- ***Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!"***

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ACTIVITY #1

Come to Me

SUPPLIES: Floor tape, Jesus picture taped to a cone

SET-UP: Place a long piece of floor tape on the floor on one side of the room for the children to stand spaced out on. Place the “Jesus” cone directly across the room from the line.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children stand spaced out on the floor tape line.**

- *“Friends, let’s gather over here on the line and spread out. Everyone put their arms out to the side like this (demonstrate) to make sure there is space around us!”*
- *Do you see that picture of Jesus? Hi Jesus!*
- *We are going to do something fun and kind of silly. I will call out an animal or a funny movement. I want you to move like I say. Keep moving until I say, ‘Come to me,’ then come over to me! Remember - Jesus said ‘let the little children come to me.’ That is what you are going to do! Are you ready to try it?”*

⇒ **Call out a command. After a few seconds, say “Come to me!”**

- *Okay friends, march in place like an ant! (Let them march for several seconds.) Come to me!*
- *Great job, friends. Head back to your spots, and let’s do it again. This time...*
 - Run in in place like a cheetah
 - Hop in place like a kangaroo
 - Swim like a fish
 - Waddle like a penguin
 - Star jump like a starfish
 - Chomp like an alligator
 - Move SLLLOOOOWWWWLLLYYY like a turtle
 - Any others you come up with 😊

⇒ **Repeat activity as long as kids are interested and Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“Wow! That was so much fun! Jesus wants the little children to come to him! We can always remember that. Jesus loves you so much, friends! Jesus loves everyone!”*
- ***Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!”***

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ACTIVITY #2

Heart Parachute

SUPPLIES: Parachute, heart stress balls, CD player, worship music

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you around the parachute.**
 - *“Friends, let’s have some fun together! This month we have been learning about how much Jesus loves us. This makes me want to celebrate! We can have fun by putting these hearts on the parachute and bouncing them HIGH!”*
- ⇒ **Turn the music on and have children join you in bouncing the parachute: High, low, fast, slow, etc. Each time all the hearts bounce off, ask...**
 - *“Who does Jesus love?”*
 - *“Jesus loves EVERYONE!”*
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Awesome job, friends! That was fun! We can celebrate because Jesus loves EVERYONE!”*
 - ***Who does Jesus love?***
 - ***Jesus loves everyone!”***

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READ, REVIEW, PRACTICE, & PRAY
FEBRUARY WEEK 4

Here are some ideas to try in a group or one-on-one.

2-year-olds are all at different stages of development! Some are ready to answer big questions and say the memory verse, while others aren't ready to talk yet. Even if they aren't ready to answer, they are listening!

READ A STORY

- *Jesus Loves Me* by Debby Anderson
- *Jesus Loves the Little Children* by Debby Anderson

ASK A QUESTION

Who does Jesus love? Jesus loves everyone!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

"Be kind and loving to each other." Ephesians 4:32

SAY A PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for making me.

Thank you for loving me.

Thank you for sending Jesus to be my friend forever.

Amen.